

# Illinois School



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## **-Modified Dress Reminder-**

Dear Parents,

Thank you again for your support of the Illinois School Modified Dress Code for grades **4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>**. As a reminder, we have typed a specific list of what is allowable and what is not under the Modified Dress Code:

Please use the following guidelines as you do your back-to-school shopping:

### **UPPER GARMENTS:**

All upper garment colors: white, light blue, or forest green

Shirts permitted: long or short-sleeved polo shirts and collared dress shirts

Clothes must properly fit: no oversized or excessively tight

White or blue undershirts, turtlenecks, and/or plain, non-hooded knit sweaters and sweatshirts may be worn, as weather requires (no writing of any kind, with the exception of the Illinois School Logo)

Shirts must be tucked in

### **LOWER GARMENTS:**

Lower garment colors: navy, black, or khaki dress slacks, Dockers, shorts, skirts or dresses

Lower garments: must fit properly (not oversized or excessively tight) Waistbands are to be fitted at the waist.

Slacks/Dockers must not flair to an unsafe width. All slacks/Dockers with belt loops must have a belt or suspenders at all times. Remember, shorts and skirts must be the length of your longest finger with your arm and hand completely extended to your side (typically knee length).

Hosiery and Leggings worn under skirts must be solid and aligned with uniform colors, flesh tones, white, blue or black.

### **K-8 Overall School-Wide Dress Items that are NOT Allowed (including grades 4-8 dress down days):**

- Attire and/or accessories (including tattoos) that are symbols, mottos, words or acronyms that convey crude, vulgar, profane, violent, gang-related, sexually explicit or suggestive messages
- "Sagging" (this is viewed as indecent exposure)
- Holes in clothes
- Scarves, curlers, bandanas or sweatbands inside of school buildings (exceptions are made for religious attire)
- Visible undergarments
- Strap garments
- Strapless garments
- Hooded clothing
- Young men are not to wear earrings
- Bare midriffs, immodestly low-cut necklines or bare backs
- Tights, leggings, bike shorts, swim suits or pajamas as outerwear (Hosiery and Leggings worn under skirts must be solid and aligned with uniform colors, flesh tones, white, blue or black). Garments worn over tights/leggings must be fingertip length.
- Shoes that do not cover the entire foot
- Shoelaces of different colors
- Chain belts, studded belts, or unusually large chain necklaces that are obviously not part of normal attire
- Visible piercings, dog collars, tongue rings and studs, wallet chains, large hair picks, or chains that connect one part of the body to another

We would like to thank you for your continued unwavering support of Illinois School. Please continue to help us maintain our high academic achievement to ensure that all of our children are on the path to "College and Career Readiness."

Sincerely,

Dr. Shernita Mays,  
Illinois School Principal