

**INGRAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**STUDENT DRESS CODE**



**Ingram Tom Moore High School/**  
**Ingram Middle School / Ingram Elementary School**  
**2026-2027**

The Ingram Independent School District recognizes that cleanliness, personal appearance, and appropriate dress are foundational to positive school and social conduct. The primary responsibility for a student's appearance rests with their parents or guardians; however, the District reserves the right to intervene when the appearance of individual students or the student body as a whole adversely affects the school's attitude, safety, health, behavior, or overall learning environment.

While this dress code is designed to address the broadest range of situations, it may not anticipate every circumstance that arises during the school year. In such cases, the campus principal retains full discretionary authority to make determinations consistent with the spirit and intent of this policy.

This District dress code applies anytime the student is on school property or at a school-sponsored event.

The principal of each campus serves as the designated authority responsible for administering and enforcing student grooming and dress code standards. The principal holds sole discretion in determining whether a student's attire is appropriate and in compliance with established dress code requirements. Any action taken by the principal in this regard shall be considered final.

**The following dress code guidelines will be enforced:**

1. Student appearance will be judged by neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness.
2. Dress and appearance codes may be altered for special events with the approval of the administrator.
3. Other than the special provisions mentioned above, the following list applies to all students:

**General Clothing:**

The students must be fully and appropriately dressed in a way that is not distracting to the educational process. Clothing that is revealing and/or does not fit properly will not be allowed.

- Pants must be worn at the waist, not sagging or dragging. Pants with excessively large pockets will not be allowed. Saggy or baggy clothing is not permitted to be worn at school or any school function.
- Oversized shirts or blouses are not allowed.
- Student midriffs must be covered at all times.
- Tank tops and spaghetti straps are not permitted.
- Male students are not allowed to wear sleeveless shirts.
- See-through clothing of any kind will not be allowed.
- Any attire with an inappropriately low front neckline, or side seam, or that is backless will not be allowed.

- Any attire deemed too tight or too loose will not be allowed.
- Appropriate undergarments will be worn, but not visible.
- Coats and jackets must be appropriate for school. Oversized coats and trench coats are not allowed.
- Clothing and/or accessories printed or stamped with obscene, drug, alcohol, vulgar, or suggestive language/advertisements or scenes are prohibited.
- Any gang-related attire/paraphernalia, including chains, is prohibited.
- Clothing with rips, tears, and/or holes that are distracting and/or in inappropriate places will not be allowed. Rips, tears, and/or holes above the knees will not be allowed if skin is visible.
- Writing or markings with pens, markers, etc., on clothing will not be allowed.
- Any shirt, shorts, or pants deemed to be underwear or pajamas will not be allowed.

### **Shorts, skorts, skirts, and dresses**

- Appropriately fitting shorts and skirts may be worn, provided they are no shorter than mid-thigh when standing.
- Tights, yoga pants, biker shorts, etc., can be worn with a blouse that extends to mid-thigh (with arms extended out parallel to the ground).

### **Earrings & Accessories**

- No more than three earrings are allowed to be worn on each ear.
- Gauges are not allowed.
- No other studs or rings may be worn on the face, nose, eyebrows, lips, or tongue. This includes any plastic, metal, or "holder" used to keep the piercing open.
- Boys are not allowed to wear earrings.
- Students are not allowed to display any other body piercing.
- Wallets with chains are not allowed. Dog chains may not be worn as jewelry or accessories by any student.
- Bracelets, necklaces, and belts that have spikes of any kind or size are not allowed.

### **Shoes**

- Shoes must always be worn. House shoes, slides, and flip-flops are not acceptable.

- **Athletic shoes are expected for all P.E. classes.**

### **Hats, Caps, & Head Coverings**

- Hats, sweatbands, headbands, caps, head-covers of any type, and sunglasses will not be worn inside the school buildings at any time during the instructional day. These items are reserved for outdoor use as deemed appropriate by the campus principal.
- No bandanas allowed.
- Hooded sweatshirts and jackets are permitted, but hoods may not be worn over the head while on campus.

### **Tattoos**

- No tattoos may be displayed and must be covered during the instructional day and at all school functions.
- Marking of any body parts with ink, markers, or permanent markers will not be allowed.

### **Hair**

- Hair will be natural colors only; examples are: blonde, natural red, black, or brown only.
- Boys' & Girls' hair must be neat, clean, and well-groomed at all times. Distracting hairstyles such as dyed hair, painted hair, spikes, or a partially shaved head/hair are not allowed. The hair must be uniformly cut with no designs or insignias cut into the hair. Hair must be neatly styled and must not cover the eyes or hang in front of the face.
- The length of boys' hair must not extend past the top of a shirt collar, cannot completely cover the ears, and must be worn in a manner that does not disrupt the educational environment. Sideburns must be neatly groomed and not extend beyond the bottom of the earlobe.

### **Facial Hair/Make Up**

- Facial hair will not be allowed. Mustaches and/or partial or full beards are not permitted.
- Eyebrows may not be notched.
- Make-up and nail polish may be worn by female students only.

### **Enforcement of Dress Code**

- ***The entire staff will enforce the dress code.*** Offenses may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Repeated dress code violations will result in further disciplinary action.

- The administrator, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other persons in charge of an extracurricular activity, will regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period of time determined by the administrator or sponsor and may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- If it becomes necessary, the principal or delegated school official will counsel individual students and their parent/guardian concerning the appearance of the students. If counseling does not produce the desired result, the principal will take whatever action he/she deems necessary to ensure appropriateness, health, safety, and appearance.
- *The principal has the authority to make a ruling on any controversial dress code issue in question.*