Leaving Campus during the Day

JICS is a closed campus. Students may not leave campus during school hours unless a parent/guardian accompanies them. If a student drives to school, he/she may only leave campus with prior written permission from a parent or guardian. Failure to sign out at the front office prior to leaving will constitute an unauthorized absence and will be considered truancy.

A student who must leave campus for special school activities other than athletics must be in good academic standing and will be given a permission slip to be signed by the parent. Teachers may recommend the student not be excused from class. Students who become ill during the day must report to the office so that the parent/guardian can be contacted. All JICHS students, regardless of age, are required to be signed out by a parent/guardian.

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The JICHS dress code is designed to support our mission to develop each student's character. All students are expected to dress appropriately at all times while on school premises or at any school-sponsored activity. If a student has any questions about whether or not certain clothing is appropriate, he/she should bring the clothing in to the Dean of Students before wearing it to school.

Parent/guardian support of the dress code policy is important. The parent/guardian must ensure that their student comes to school or school-sponsored activities appropriately dressed. Failure of the faculty or staff to spot dress code violations is not implied permission for approval of the inappropriate clothing. Parents and students are responsible to do their due diligence in dressing appropriately for school. Students may make an anonymous dress code report to the Dean of Students. Failure to comply with the dress code may necessitate calling the parent/guardian who may be required to take the student home to change or bring the appropriate clothing to school. Any class time missed in mitigating dress code issues will be considered unexcused and, if chronic, could adversely impact the student’s course credits or GPA.

For safety and security, physical education classes (P.E.), athletic teams, and clubs may require a variation of the dress code (e.g., large jewelry that could get snagged and injure a student).
Any student who needs a medical or religious accommodation for the dress code must first receive permission from the Principal prior to non-compliance with the dress code.

The final decision as to the safety or suitability of clothing or jewelry will be left up to the discretion of the Principal, the Judicial Committee or the Dean of Students.

**VIOLATION OF DRESS CODE**

Students who are out of dress code will not be permitted to attend class until they are correctly dressed and may choose the following remedy:

1. Select an appropriate item of clothing from school inventory, if available. Students will sign an IOU at $5.00 per item borrowed and must return the item cleaned and in good condition within one week or the student’s account will be charged. Students account balances with clothing IOU charges in excess of $25.00 may be denied access to school inventory and will need to mitigate their dress code issues using the following step (#2).

2. The student may have their parent/guardian bring the appropriate item to school or drive home to change, if applicable. Any class time missed in mitigating dress code issues will be considered unexcused; and, if chronic, could adversely impact the student’s course credits or GPA. Therefore, students and parents/guardians are encouraged to familiarize themselves ahead of time with the dress code.

Students who have violated the dress code three times in one semester will be required to purchase, at their own expense, and wear the designated uniform for up to nine weeks or a time designated by the JC. See “Uniform Consequences for 3 Dress Code Violations.” At the beginning of each semester, the count for dress code violations will reset. However, if a student receives a third violation near the end of one semester, the consequence of wearing a uniform for up to nine weeks will extend into the following semester. Appropriate loaner clothing is stored in the administrative wing for convenience and is available on a first come, first-served basis. If the school is out of appropriate loaner clothing, it is the responsibility of the student to choose an alternative remedy. All students are encouraged to be proactive and familiarize themselves with the dress code and attendance policies to avoid any negative consequences resulting from improper dress.
Acceptable Tops:
- Turn-down collar shirts or turn-down collar blouses with functional buttons or snaps.
- Required styles: Button/snap-up Polo, Oxford, dress shirts or blouses.
- Opaque (solid) material with no sheer, lace, or other see-through material that shows any part of the chest, abdomen, shoulders, back or undergarments.
- Modest in cut and style; and, longer than the waist when untucked.
- Sweaters, sweatshirts, cardigans, light jackets, athletic ¼ zip-ups, blazers, vests that allow the shirt collar to be visible at all times.
  - If collar is visible, students must have a dress code shirt on underneath.
- Dresses must comply with the NHS Dress Code as outlined in the current Student Handbook.
- Tops with a turtleneck or mock-turtleneck collar.

Acceptable Bottoms (Trousers, Pants, Shorts, Skorts, Skirts, Gauchos and Dresses):
- Fabrics which are woven, twill, or corduroy.
- Modest in cut and style.
- Opaque (solid) material with no sheer, lace, or other see-through material.
- Pants, gauchos, capris, or trousers must be kept at the waist and properly hemmed.
- Leggings, stockings and tights may be worn under acceptable bottoms.
- The hemline of any skirts, dresses or skorts is required to be at the top of the kneecap in front and back when standing straight.

Unacceptable Tops:
- Collarless shirts, standing collar shirts, and shirts without functional buttons/snaps.
- Tops with strings, spaghetti straps, or no sleeves.
- Sheer, lace or translucent tops that show any part of the chest, abdomen, shoulders, back, or undergarments.
- Tops, regardless of style, that show cleavage from any angle.
- Tops that are designed or cut to expose the abdomen, cleavage, or back (regardless if a shirt is underneath).
- Sports jerseys are only allowed on Fridays or as a designated fundraiser.
- Tops that are wrinkled, tattered, torn, worn, threadbare, frayed, bleached or stained.

Unacceptable Bottoms:
- Sweatpants or athletic pants of any kind of material or style, yoga pants, leggings, jeggings, spandex, athletic shorts and pajama pants.
- Blue denim jeans (except on approved days).
- Baggy or sagging pants that have a sagging crotch or do not stay at the waist.
- Exposed underwear or undershorts above the waistline or below the hemline.
- Nylon flight pants, cargo pants, cargo shorts, sweatpants, bottoms made of tee-shirt or sweatshirt-type material, stretch pants, leggings, yoga pants, joggers, jeggings, overalls, spandex, lace, or pants with zippers on the sides.
- Tattered, frayed, threadbare, torn, cut, bleached or worn bottoms.
- Leggings may never be worn alone as bottoms.
Acceptable Bottoms, continued:
• The hemline must be no more than one palm-width from the top of the kneecap in front and back when standing straight.

Acceptable Undershirts:
• Tee shirts, camisoles and tank tops may only be visible at the neck, collar and/or waistline and worn under an acceptable top to ensure modesty.

Acceptable Outerwear:
• Outdoor garments (coats, winter jackets, hats, gloves, etc.), with or without hoods, may only be worn to the student’s locker upon entering the building, during lunch and after school.
• Light jackets and athletic jackets with or without hoods may be worn anytime.
• For safety and security, hoods may not be placed over the head while on campus.

Acceptable Shoes:
• Sneakers, loafers, flats, heels, pumps, dress sandals, boots, and dress shoes.

Acceptable Miscellaneous:
• Non-gang affiliated scarves, bandanas, head-bands, and head-wraps that do not cover the entire head.
• Prescription sunglasses with auto-tint or polarized lenses.
• Jewelry, including earrings, must be modest and not pose a safety concern.
• Appropriate tattoos, body art, and self drawings are allowed.
• Contact lenses in a naturally occurring eye color, both eyes the same color.
• Leather, leather-like, or cloth belts are encouraged, but not required.
• Dress jumpers, provided the bottoms follow Acceptable Bottoms rules. The top of the jumper must either comply with the NHS Dress Code, or have a dress code shirt underneath.

Unacceptable Undershirts:
• Tee shirts, camisoles, and tank tops that are visible anywhere other than the neck, collar, and/or waistline when worn under an acceptable top.

Unacceptable Outerwear:
• Heavy winter jackets or coats in the classroom.

Unacceptable Shoes:
• Flip-flops, five-toed shoes or slippers.
• Athletic or slide-on sandals.
• Lighted, Heely or wheeled shoes.
• Slippers or footwear resembling slippers, like moccasins.

Unacceptable Miscellaneous:
• Hats or any non-religious head coverings such as caps, visors, beanies, stocking caps, etc.
• Non-prescription sunglasses worn indoors during school hours.
• Non-jewelry items worn as accessories or jewelry.
• Tattoos, body art, and self-drawings must not display any offensive or inappropriate slogans, text, images, logos, meanings, etc. (i.e., references to sex, tobacco, death culture, illegal substances, alcohol, or any advertising or messages inconsistent with the school’s philosophy.
• Wallet chains or hanging chains.
• Clothing worn inside-out or backwards.
• Blankets, ponchos, wraps, etc. are not permitted to be worn on campus.
**Formal Dress Code**

Formal Dress Code is to be worn for Graduation, formal dances, and other events as designated by the administration. The purpose of Formal Dress Code is to ensure students have practice dressing up for a special occasion that requires respect and dignity.

1. Cleavage may not show at any angle at any time.
2. The tops of dresses and jumpers are not required to have fold-down collars or functional buttons/snaps.
3. Dresses must have long or short sleeves. Sleeveless or strapless dresses are not permitted.
4. The back of dresses must not be lower than the bottom of the shoulder blades.
5. The hemline of any dress or skirt is required to be at the top of the kneecap in front and back when standing straight.
6. Dress pants are acceptable with a dress shirt or a pant suit.
7. A dress belt, if the dress pants or skirt has belt loops.
8. Dress shirts must have collars and functional buttons/snaps. They may be long or short sleeved, but must be tucked into the pants.
9. Ties must be properly knotted for the duration of the school day.

**Jags Uncaged! Dress Code**

1. Modesty rules always apply.
2. Tee shirts are allowed. However, all clothing, accessories, backpacks, etc. must not display any offensive or inappropriate slogans, text, images, logos, meanings, etc. (i.e. references to sex, tobacco, death culture, illegal substances, alcohol, or any advertising, images, or messages inconsistent with the school's philosophy). Shirts showing midriffs, are low-cut, or sleeveless are not permitted.
3. **Swimwear must be:**
   a. *Always modest.*
   b. *Gender-appropriate based on the student's biological birth gender.*
   c. *Opaque (not sheer, see-through, translucent, or transparent).*
   d. *Full-fabric with no cut-outs.*
   e. *Modest swim suit shorts (any color/pattern); or,*
   f. *Modest one-piece swim suit with or without swim shorts (any color/pattern).*
   g. *Tee shirts are not required while swimming.*
4. Denim shorts, sweat pants, and jeans are allowed, as long as the length, fit, and condition meet regular dress code. Cut-offs are not allowed. Leggings, yoga pants, or other form-fitting exercise pants/shorts are not permitted.

5. Hats, sunglasses, and flip-flop sandals are allowed.

6. *Jags Uncaged!* dress code is the minimum dress code for afterschool activities or school-sponsored events such as games, non-formal dances, game nights, the annual retreat, etc.

**Field Trip Dress Code**
All field trip participants must wear, at a minimum, regular Monday-Thursday dress code. Students are expected to dress in formal dress code for more professional events.

**Formal Dance Attire Policy**
The purpose of the Formal Dance Attire Policy is to ensure our students maintain modesty at all formal dances, whether on campus or at an off-campus venue, and to prepare students for formal settings later in life. Students are strongly encouraged to be responsible with the Formal Dance Attire Policy by selecting attire that is modest, displays proper respect for self and others, and honors the formality of the event. Attending a JICHS formal dance is acknowledgement and agreement by the student to follow the policies and procedures of JICHS concerning behavior, dress, etc. as outlined in this document and the JICHS Student Handbook.

At JICHS-sponsored events, respect and modesty are the keys when it comes to behavior and attire. Formal dresses, with or without straps, must conform to the following parameters:

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1. Cleavage may not show from any angle at any time. Low cut dresses or tops are not allowed.
2. The backs of dresses may not be lower than the bottom of the shoulder blades.
3. The highest part of the opaque hemline of a dress or skirt, including any slits, must be no higher than the top of the kneecap in front, on the sides, and in the back while standing straight. **Opaque** is defined as not transparent or translucent; not allowing light to pass through. If an opaque slip is worn to lengthen a short hem, it must remain at the required height for the entire event.
4. See-through and/or excessively tight-fitting dresses or skirts are not allowed.
5. Dresses and attire must be compliant without sweaters, shawls, scarves or other accessories.

**Dress Shirts, Pants, Belts, Shoes, etc.**
1. Collared, long sleeved dress shirts must be worn. Shirts must be tucked in and buttoned for the duration of the dance and while on the property of the dance site. The top button may be unbuttoned and sleeves may be rolled up, if desired.
2. A tie must be worn, properly knotted, for the duration of the dance and while on the property of the dance site. Ties may be loosened a maximum of one inch, but may not be taken off.
3. Dress pants must be worn. Casual pants with pockets attached to the outside of the pants are not permitted.
4. If the dress pants have belt loops, a dress belt must be worn.
5. See through and/or excessively tight-fitting clothing are not allowed.
6. Jackets are optional and may be taken off during the event.

Make-up and jewelry: dress code policies still apply.

If students have any question or doubt whether an item of clothing, jewelry, make-up, etc. is acceptable, they must show it, in person, to the Dean of Students or their designee for approval at least two weeks prior to the dance.

Violations of the Formal Dance Attire Policy any time during the dance and while on the property of the dance site may result in the student being denied entry to the dance or removed from the dance with no refund. It is the responsibility of the JICHS student to inform a guest of the dress code policy.

Anyone (student, guest, parent/guardian, family member, etc.) who displays rude or disruptive behavior as a result of a faculty or staff member directive will be asked to leave the premises immediately, without a refund, and can be charged with a Class 3 Misdemeanor according to state law (C.R.S. 18-9-109).

Faculty/staff members will be on site during the dance to ensure only those students who are following this policy are permitted into the dance.
IMPORTANT: JICHS and its representatives are not financially responsible for any issues related to the non-approval of, or denial of admission to a dance due to, inappropriate dresses, clothing, jewelry, etc.

JICHS formal dances are considered “closed” events. Once a student exits the facility ballroom or venue, he/she will not be permitted to return to the dance for any reason. Formal dances end at 11:00 p.m. So that the staff can get home at a respectable hour, all students need to be picked up or off campus no later than 15 minutes after the event ends (see section on Social functions). All drivers who are picking students up, need to be waiting on campus or at the venue by 11:00 p.m. As stated earlier, parents/guardians who do not pick up their student by 11:15 p.m. may be charged a childcare fee of $25. Since the Prom is generally held at a venue that is not exclusive to JICHS students and staff, James Irwin Charter Schools and its employees or agents are not liable for any student activity outside of the rented event area (i.e. ballroom and ballroom lobby) and rented event time. Any inappropriate behavior which takes place outside the rented area can be reported to the proper authorities (CSPD, CSFD, etc.) at the discretion of the establishment’s owner. All students are strongly encouraged to be cautious with their safety and personal items when traveling to and from any off-campus school-sponsored.

**Blue Denim Jeans Day Fridays**
At the discretion of the JICHS staff and administration students may participate in a school fund-raiser and wear dress-code blue denim jeans on designated Fridays by making a $1.00 contribution to the *Jags Uncaged!* fund. All blue denim clothing must be free of holes, frays, tears, tatters, threadbare spots, bleaching, stains or rips. Blue denim clothing must conform to all acceptable fit and style requirements as listed above, with the exception that denim bottoms may have exterior pockets. Students may also wear a JICHS related tee shirt for no additional cost on Jeans Day Fridays. Not paying for denim bottoms on a Jeans Day Fridays or wearing a non-JICHS related tee shirt constitutes a dress code violation. All proceeds will go directly to the *Jags Uncaged!* fund or other designated fundraiser. On Fridays, students who do not pay $1.00 must wear the regular Monday through Thursday dress code, except for JICHS-related tops, as explained above.