



# INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL 2009-2010

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## STUDENT LOCKER ASSIGNMENT

Lockers are to be used as a secure place to store school supplies and personal items needed at school. If your locker is not working properly or you feel someone has tampered with it, inform Student Services. The following rules apply to any lockers on campus (Academic, Athletic, and PE Lockers):

- Lockers should be treated with respect. Please do not deface or damage any part of your locker (only stick items inside that are easily removed).
- Only school approved items may be placed on the outside door of your locker.
- Lockers should be treated as secure. Students are not allowed to share lockers.
- Please do not store money or valuables in your locker.
- Please do not switch lockers without administrative approval.
- Please do not leave food, pop cans, etc. in lockers for extended periods of time.
- The student assigned a locker will be held responsible for all contents of that locker.
- Students will be fined for failure to clean their locker at the year's end.
- Students are reminded that lockers are the property of the school. Lockers may be searched if there exists a "reasonable suspicion" that the locker contains any item that is either illegal or inappropriate.
- Failure to follow any of the above bulleted points may result in the loss of locker privileges.

**Failure to comply with locker policy will result in the loss of locker use.**

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## DRESS CODE

At the beginning of the day in first period, teachers will check their students for appropriate dress. Those students not in compliance with the rules will be sent to their respective Assistant Principal, will be required to change into appropriate clothing provided by the school, and will be subject to further disciplinary action.

1. Hats, stocking caps, hoods, bandannas, headscarves, or headwear of any kind must be removed when entering the building during the school day, including before school. If not removed, the headwear will be confiscated. All of the above stated items should not be visible at any time during the school day.
2. Shoes are required at all times. House shoes are not permitted (see guideline #5).
3. Holes or rips in jeans or other clothing must not be excessive and must be at or below the knee.
4. Appropriate undergarments are required. Underwear and/or skin must **not** be visible, even when seated. This rule includes during the lunch period when seated at the lunch table.
5. Clothes designed as sleepwear and/or house shoes are not allowed to be worn to school (this includes pajama pants/bottoms).
6. For the safety of all, no chains or spikes may be worn on clothing or as accessories.
7. The length of dresses, skirts, or shorts must be no shorter than six inches above the knee. Measurement for length will be taken at the bend of the back of the knee to the shortest point of the skirt, including the top of the slit.
8. Clothing that would be considered offensive to any race or culture or could cause dissention should not be worn. Clothing may not have any message dealing with profanity, alcohol, tobacco, or drugs or advertise a business that sells these. There may also not be any shirts with sexually suggestive messages (such as, suggestive A&F t-shirts, or Hooters shirts), nor should they contain racially or culturally inflammatory messages and symbols.
9. No visible body piercing jewelry other than through the ears may be worn, such as, eyebrow studs, nose rings, tongue studs. No piercing jewelry of any kind that is a safety hazard may be worn. During school hours, students will be asked to remove jewelry not in compliance with this rule. Band-aid or other cover-ups will not be allowed.
10. Bare midriffs, "crop" tops, or tank tops are not allowed. Mesh tops or see-through material must have a shirt made of non-see-through material underneath. No spaghetti straps or off-the-shoulder shirts or dresses may be worn during the school day. The method to measure this will be a width of a dollar bill. Young ladies are to make sure that their chests and midriffs are appropriately covered at all times. No cleavage or bare midriffs.
11. Individual teachers will determine clothing regulations for particular activities in a classroom (such as, closed-toe shoes for labs, performance attire, physical education dress, etc.).
12. No bandannas, gang or drug-related clothing or clothing with insignia representative of gangs may be worn at any time on school premises or at school activities.

Dress Code Cont'd:

13. Clothing for any type of group initiation is not allowed.
14. Uniforms worn for extracurricular activities must follow dress code or additional clothing must be added.
15. All pants or trousers are to be held at the waist.
16. Any other clothing that administration considers as inappropriate or offensive will not be permitted.

**With dress code, one general rule always prevails:**

**If you have any doubts about the appropriateness of any article of clothing...DON'T WEAR IT!**

I have read and understand the dress code of Independence High School and realize my responsibility to follow these rules. If at any time my clothing is deemed to be inappropriate, I understand that I will be sent to the office. I will be considered unexcused from class during that time.

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## **STUDENT AGENDA AGREEMENT**

Contents of the agenda are subject to change during the course of the year. Revisions and additional school policies and procedures will be distributed to students and parents and posted on the school website.

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## **ZERO TOLERANCE: AN EXPLANATION**

### **Alcohol**

Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use, be under the influence of, share or sell alcohol in school buildings, on school grounds, or other grounds used for school purposes (including parking lots or athletic facilities), school buses or at any school sponsored activity.

**Bottom Line: You can have nothing to do with alcohol at school, on school grounds, or at any school sponsored activity!**

### **Drugs**

Students shall not unlawfully possess, handle, transmit, use, be under the influence of, share, or sell drugs or any controlled substances in any way in school buildings, on school grounds, or on other grounds used for school purposes, (including parking lots or athletic facilities), on school buses, or at any school sponsored activity. "Drug" means any controlled substance, marijuana, alcohol, legend drug or any other substance whose possession or use is regulated in any manner by any governmental authority.

### **Drug Paraphernalia**

Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use, share or sell drug paraphernalia in any way in school buildings, on school grounds, or on other grounds used for school purposes (including parking lots or athletic facilities), on school buses, or at any school sponsored activity. For purposes of this policy, "drug paraphernalia" shall be as defined in T.C.A. §49-6-4202(3).

**Bottom Line: You can have nothing to do with drugs or drug paraphernalia at school, on school grounds, or at any school sponsored activity!**

### **Assault**

Students shall not physically assault or verbally threaten to assault a teacher or other school employee while on a school bus, on school property, or on other grounds used for school purposes, or while attending any school activity or event.

**Bottom Line: You may not threaten or attempt to do bodily injury to a teacher or other school employee while at school, on school grounds, or at any school sponsored activity!**

### **Weapons**

Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use or attempt to use firearms or any dangerous weapon in school buildings or on school grounds, or on any grounds used for school purposes at any time, or in school vehicles and/or buses or off the school grounds at a school-sponsored activity, function or event.

**Bottom Line: You can have nothing to do with weapons at school, on school grounds, or at any school sponsored activity!**

**School sponsored activities include, but are not limited to, athletic events (home, away, and transportation to and from), club events, club outings, field trips, dances, and graduation activities.**

**The Consequence: 1 Calendar Year Suspension from WCS**

May be served at the Alternative Learning Center (ALC)

**PARENT & STUDENT AGREEMENT  
SIGNATURE PAGE  
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*(Sign and Return This Page to Student Services)*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Birthdate

<b>Parent/Guardian Initial</b>	<b>LOCKER AGREEMENT</b>
<b>Student Initial</b>	I have read and understand the locker rules and regulations and realize my student's responsibility to follow these rules and guidelines.
<b>Parent/Guardian Initial</b>	<b>DRESS CODE AGREEMENT</b>
<b>Student Initial</b>	I have read the Independence High School dress code and understand that my student has a responsibility to follow these rules.
<b>Parent/Guardian Initial</b>	<b>STUDENT AGENDA AGREEMENT</b>
<b>Student Initial</b>	We have been made aware of and understand the policies and procedures contained in the Independence High School Student Agenda.  By signing this form, the student and parent(s) acknowledge receiving the Student Agenda and agree that they both, parent(s) and student, understand this document and agree to abide by it.
<b>Parent/Guardian Initial</b>	<b>ZERO TOLERANCE AGREEMENT</b>
<b>Student Initial</b>	I understand the listed zero tolerance offenses and the consequence for any of the listed actions.

**I have read and understand above agreements and realize my responsibility to follow these rules.**

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**

**I have read the above agreements and understand that my student has a responsibility to follow these guidelines.**

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**Signature of Parent/Guardian**

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**Date**