



INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

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SCHOOL MISSION: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

DRESS CODE: The following items are not acceptable items; leggings - yoga pants, large holes in pants, slippers, halter tops, pajama bottoms, do-rags, hats, wife beaters, and bonnets. Sagging will not be permitted at IHS. Students can wear hoodies, but the hoods must be down, no exception. Skirts/dress length must be below fingertips. Any exception from the code must come from Dr. Toler.

WHAT MAKES THIS SCHOOL OUTSTANDING:

Independence High School is a traditional four-year high school with an enrollment of approximately 800 students. It is located in a residential area in the southeast section of Columbus. IHS is also an English Language Learner (ELL) shelter site. The quality of the staff is the main reason that The Ohio State University has designated Independence as a Professional Development School (PDS), a site for the preparation of educators for the 21st century. Other colleges, such as Ohio University, University of Dayton, and Capital University Masters in Education Program use Independence as an internship opportunity for their students. I Know I Can college advisors are located in the building to facilitate students' and families' college and career exploration application process, and college education transition. In addition, with a number of community partnerships offer leadership programs and other opportunities for the students who attend this school.

SPECIALTY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES/CURRICULUM:

Independence offers Advance Placement courses in English. Students can also earn college credits as part of the College Credit Plus (CCP) program at no cost for tuition and books. The CCP Columbus State Community College program has been particularly successful with the majority of the students earning A's and B's in college-level courses. All students entering high school are viewed as future college students as all must begin the process of preparing for a college prep diploma. Independence has after-school programs that provide opportunities for students to raise their grade point averages, prepare for the Ohio State required tests, and earn Virtual Credit Advancement Program credits.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP:

Dr. Donis Toler

Principal
