

## East Whittier Dress Code for Middle Schools

In keeping with the philosophy of the Board of Trustees and Board Policies 5132 and 5136, the East Whittier City School District has established student dress and grooming standards. These guidelines are intended to minimize distractions in the learning environment, ensure a safe campus for all students and prepare students to be successful in the working world. **The following are prohibited:**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Modesty</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midriffs or shirts that expose the stomach; stomachs cannot be exposed at any time while sitting, standing or when hands are raised</li> <li>• Halter tops, tank tops with spaghetti straps see-through blouses, low necklines, spaghetti straps (unless a shirt is worn underneath), open back tops, or strapless tops</li> <li>• Exposed bra straps</li> <li>• Pants, shirts, shorts, skorts or skirts that have been torn, cut or have holes that expose skin above the knee or undergarments</li> <li>• Shorts, skirts, skorts, pants, or jeans worn below the waist exposing undergarments</li> <li>• Shorts, skirts, and skorts that are too short to reach fingertips when arms are extended</li> <li>• Mesh shorts that expose skin or undergarments through the mesh</li> <li>• Sleepwear of any kind</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jewelry that could cause injury including, but not limited to, chains, rings, pins, oversized earrings, spiked accessories</li> <li>• Hooded sweatshirts must be worn with hood down</li> <li>• Flip flops, backless or steel-toed shoes</li> <li>• Clothing with pins or staples</li> <li>• Body piercing (except for ears)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gang Related</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bandannas, belt buckles with initials or the number 13</li> <li>• Patches, clothing, backpacks, jewelry, notebooks, folders or any accessory with symbols of violence or tagging</li> <li>• Long belts that hang down in the front.</li> <li>• Plain white ribbed tank tops, undershirts and plain white t-shirts (long or short sleeved)</li> <li>• Oversized shirts of any color that extend below fingertips when arms are extended</li> <li>• Shorts worn below the knee with socks pulled up to the hemline</li> <li>• Oversized pants (unable to stay at waist without a belt)</li> <li>• Pants or shorts that are worn below the waist and/or expose undergarments regardless of whether they are covered by a shirt</li> <li>• Pant bindings at the ankles using rubber bands, ties, shoelaces, etc.</li> <li>• Athletic jerseys with or without professional logos</li> <li>• Other clothing, jewelry, hats, or belts with names or logos of <u>professional</u> sports teams. (<i>Clothing with school affiliated, local youth sports, and college logos is allowed</i>)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Disruptive to Instruction or Inappropriate for School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any clothing or school materials, including backpacks, that have pre-printed or handwritten inappropriate/offensive language, sayings, drawings, or advertising that reference alcohol, drugs, sexually explicit material, gang activity (including tagging), violence, or any other illegal activity</li> <li>• Hats, caps and sunglasses in class unless medically prescribed.</li> <li>• Excessive make-up, hair color, cut or style that is disruptive to student learning. If there is a problem, the parent will be notified. The student may be sent home or allowed to make appropriate changes and return to class</li> <li>• Writing on skin</li> </ul>

- \*All attire must be within the dress code policy whether or not a sweater, jacket or other covering is worn.
- Students in violation of the dress code may be required to change into school loaner clothing.
- The administration reserves the right to modify this policy to ensure a safe campus for all students.