

CLOTHING NORMS

Whittier Christian High School seeks to create an environment where students and staff can thrive as they grow into the people God has called them to be. Personal attire plays a meaningful role in shaping that environment. Our faculty and staff are committed to upholding dress expectations with respect, compassion, and fairness—applying them equally to both male and female students, without judgment.

All students are expected to follow these clothing norms during the school day and at all school-sponsored events, including field trips, extracurricular activities, and any other functions representing Whittier Christian High School.

1. All students must be covered completely from mid-thigh (7" above knee) to top of chest and back in non-see-through and non-revealing materials.

- *When walking, sitting, bending or lifting the arms, the midriff or any of the side/back/underarm area of the torso must not be visible.*
- *Holes or rips in pants are permitted as long as the aforementioned rips meet the length requirement of not being 7" above the knee.*
- *Outer garments should be size appropriate and conceal all undergarments. **No spandex shorts***

2. The front and back of a shirt (or top of any kind) must be connected over both shoulders.

- *Tank tops must have at least a 1-inch width over the shoulder.*
- *Both shoulders must have material of appropriate width covering them at all times.*
- *Low cut blouses/tops are not allowed.*

3. Personal appearance, including but not limited to hair color, styling, makeup, footwear and clothing should be suitable for the context of an educational institution.

- *Hats may be worn in the classroom/chapel, however no hoods inside (outside only).*
- *Hair color and hair style must refrain from being extreme*
- *Tattoos should be covered up to the best of a student's ability.*
- *Sleepwear, including slippers, are not allowed. **No Pajamas.** Only on predetermined, and school sanctioned "dress up" days..*

4. Clothing must be free of obscene or inappropriate words and/or logos.

- *This includes writing and/or graphics that **may be perceived** as racially insensitive, sexually suggestive, culturally demeaning, or politically charged.*

❖ Jewelry, accessories, tattoos, hair, facial hair, and other elements of a student's appearance that draw undue attention, distract, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with the learning atmosphere at school or at school activities and events, or that create a health, safety, or welfare issue are prohibited.

We encourage students to wear Whittier Christian High School attire to show school pride. Spirit wear can be purchased through ASB in the STUCO building located in the Large Quad.



**In order to keep it simple for everyone, please notice the image.
All of the clothed areas must be covered on all students.**

Being Outside the Clothing Norms:

When a student's attire does not align with the clothing norms, they will be respectfully asked to address the issue. There are several appropriate ways this can be resolved.

- Adjust the fit of the clothing (if possible to meet the school's norms).
- Put on something else that is already at school (e.g. a jacket, WCHS provided clothing etc.).
- Call home and request a change of clothes.

Typical Protocol for Clothing Norms violation (not limited to):

Step 1: Administrator, teacher or staff member issues dress code concern

Step 2: Student reports to front office, and warning is given (multiple infractions will require a parent call).

Step 3: Student adjusts fit or parents bring a change of clothing.

Step 4: Student returns to class.

WCHS faculty and staff will address any non-compliance with the Clothing Norms in a respectful and professional manner. Our goal is not to shame students for their wardrobe choices, but to maintain a standard that supports our school environment. Students are expected to comply **after no more than two reminders**. Repeated non-compliance may be considered an issue of disrespect rather than attire and may result in administrative consequences..

❖ **WCHS reserves the right to make the final determination regarding the appropriateness of student attire in accordance with the Clothing Norms. The school also retains the authority to revise these norms as needed or when circumstances warrant an update.**