

Whitman's Dress Code

The Tacoma Public Schools publishes a document titled, Student Rights, Responsibilities and Regulations. In the section on Dress and Appearance it states, "Students should dress in a manner that reflects proper decorum. Dress and appearance, including gang apparel, which may cause safety or health problems or which pose a threat of disruption are not allowed." In accordance with our school district's position, the Whitman staff supports the following guidelines for dress and appearance at Whitman:

- Oversized clothing is not appropriate or safe, and is not allowed at school.
- Belts should be worn with pants. Pants must not ride below the waist.
- Shorts, skirts and all other clothing covering the lower body must be no shorter than four inches above the knee.
- Upper body clothing that exposes the armpits or midriff is not appropriate at school. Necklines must be no more than three inches below the base of the neck. Tank tops are not acceptable.
- Back-less shoes, toe-less shoes and shoes with high heels (over one inch) are inappropriate and not allowed because they are a safety hazard in crowded hallways, in stairwells and on the playground.
- Dangling belts and chains are a safety hazard and not allowed at school.
- We do not allow clothing or hats that display or advertise drugs, alcohol, tobacco, profanity, racist themes, sexual references, or gang symbols.
- Facial makeup, unnatural hair color or hair styles, false nails, cologne, decorative tattoos, and other items that might distract students from their education are inappropriate and not allowed at Whitman.

Parents, we thank you for your assistance in helping your children make wise choices about the clothing they wear to school. Please sign below and send form back to school with your student. Thank you!