

StudentsGANG SYMBOLS

The East Whittier City School District Board believes that students should be provided with a quality education in a safe, wholesome environment free from the threats or harmful influence of any groups or gangs which advocate drug use or disruptive behavior. Furthermore, the Board believes that the presence of certain types of clothing and attire can cause a substantial disruption of or material interference with instruction and school activities. Therefore, the Board prohibits the wearing or display of clothing, jewelry or materials that evidence membership in or affiliation with any gang; which are obscene, sexually explicit or suggestive; or which promote the use/abuse of drugs and/or alcohol.

In recognition of the instructional responsibilities and goals of the District, the following rules relative to the conduct, dress and appearance of students will be strictly enforced:

1. Clothing or jewelry which depicts or suggests sexually-related or obscene gestures, pictures or wording, or which promotes the use/abuse of drugs or alcohol, shall not be worn on campus or at school activities.
2. No student shall wear articles of clothing, jewelry or accessories which, in the opinion of the school principal, pose a threat to the physical well-being and safety of the student or others (e.g., spiked collars or wristbands).
3. No hand gestures, clothing or articles of clothing (including, but not limited to gloves, head gear, bandannas, shoestrings, wristbands, jewelry) related to a group or gang which may provoke others to acts of violence or to be intimidated by fear of violence shall be used or worn on campus or at any school activity.
4. Gang-related clothing may vary from school to school and may change from year to year. Consequently, it shall be the responsibility of the Director of Pupil Personnel Services to provide yearly inservice to administrators. The presentations shall provide current identification symbols used by students involved in gang-related activity and shall include the identification of hand signals, apparel, jewelry and any other significant gang-related material/information.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement regulations for implementation of this policy.

Legal Reference: Education Code
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