NTO Dress Code

Please note that learners will be asked to call parent(s) or wear campus assigned clothing if not dressed within the NTO Dress Code standards and guidelines.

Items not allowed:

- Tops must be at least three adult fingers wide on shoulder
- Short skirts/shorts. Must be no shorter than five inches from the top of kneecap and hemmed.
- No burnout tops, strapless tops, backless/holes tops, tube tops see through tops or see through tops with spaghetti straps underneath
- No spaghetti strap type tops, low cut or revealing tops
- No tank tops or doubling on tank tops
- No over the shoulder tops
- No extremely tight clothing
- No caps or hats in the building
- No extremely torn clothing
- No holes above five inches from the top of kneecap on pants, shorts or skirts. Skin should not show five inches above the top of kneecap
- No pajamas or house shoes allowed
- No body piercing that are excessive or are a distraction - examples: large nose rings, extremely flashy lip rings, piercings with attached chains, etc.
- No shaved hair designs
- Appearances that affect the education environment are not allowed

Inappropriate clothing/styles of dress include, but are not limited to the following examples:

- Baggy or Saggy pants/shorts are not allowed. Extremely wide legs are not allowed. Wide leg jeans in the proper waist size are generally acceptable. Pants must be appropriate size for wearer. Pants/shorts must be worn at the waist. No sagging allowed.
- Athletic style tank tops/muscle shirts or underwear type shirts are not allowed. Basketball-type jerseys will not be worn either by themselves or over T-shirts.
- Extremely long/big shirts are not allowed. Any shirt/blouse that is longer than the fingertips or that has shirttail is to be tucked in the pants/skirt/shorts.
- Trench coats are not allowed.
- No under clothing showing at any time.
- Any type of clothing or jewelry or make-up including T-shirts that advertise, support or display inappropriate language, gestures, tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, violence, or Satanic philosophy are not allowed. This includes T-shirts that display certain musical groups, performers or movies that are alleged to support any of the above.
- Any style of grooming or clothing that could be associated with gang membership or that might cause disruption to the educational process will not be allowed.
- Bare Midriffs, bare shoulders, backless wear or see through clothing are not allowed.
- Hats, bandanas, caps, hairnets, sunglasses are not allowed
- Excessive make-up. This includes black lipstick, extremely heavy mascara and/or eyeliner, etc.
- Unnatural hair color/design. Such as red, purple, green spray, dye or extreme modes of hair design.
- Learners must wear shoes all the time. Not allowed are bathroom slippers or footwear not intended for outdoor wear or shoes equipped with roller blades/wheels.
***NEW*** Clear or mesh backpacks only. Campus and district administration are focusing efforts on proactive changes by enacting enhanced security and safety precautions on all secondary campuses. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, all ECISD middle schools and high schools will allow ONLY clear or mesh backpacks in the school.

- This is a safety measure that was reviewed and supported by the Districts Safety & Security Committee.
- In addition, the only purses, handbags or other bags allowed will be limited to 5 X 8 X 1 clutches. No other bags will be allowed to be carried in the school.
- Students involved in athletics and fine arts, who carry bags or duffles for the purposes of those programs, will leave those bags in the locker rooms.
- ECISD notified local retailers about this new requirement months in advance.