

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY 425

SECTION: PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES
TITLE: DRESS AND GROOMING
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425. DRESS AND GROOMING

1. Purpose

Teachers set an example in dress and grooming for their students to follow. A teacher should present an image of dignity and encourage respect for authority. These factors act in a positive manner toward the maintenance of classroom discipline.

2. Authority

The Board has the authority to specify reasonable dress and grooming guidelines for staff, within law, that will prevent such matters from having an adverse impact on the educational process.

All staff members shall, when assigned to district duty, be physically clean, neat, well groomed, and dressed in a manner reflecting professional assignment.

If a teacher feels that an exception to this policy, because of special circumstances would enable him/her to carry out assigned duty more effectively, a request should be made to the principal.

3. Guidelines

When a professional employee is considering casual attire for work when students and/or parents are present, the following guideline indicates appropriate attire:

- casual slacks, skirts and dresses
- long walking shorts and skorts for women
- blouses/sport shirts and golf/sport shirts with a collar
- comfortable casual shoes
- stirrup /leggings/stretch pants with long sweaters/jackets/
blouses
- sweaters and turtlenecks

