

3216 DRESS AND GROOMING

Teachers set an example in dress and grooming for their pupils to follow. A teacher who understands this precept and adheres to it enlarges the importance of his/her task, presents an image of dignity and encourages respect for authority. These factors act in a positive manner toward the maintenance of classroom discipline.

The Board retains the authority to specify the following 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:

1. Be physically clean, neat, and well groomed.
2. Dress in a manner reflecting their professional assignment.
3. Dress in a manner that does not cause damage to district property.
4. Be groomed in such a way that their hairstyle or dress does not disrupt the educational process nor cause a health or safety hazard.
5. Jeans or flip-flops are not allowed.

If a teacher feels that an exception to this policy would enable him/her to carry out assigned duties more effectively, a request shall be made to the Principal.

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