Professional Dress and Decorum

Professional personnel working in schools are expected to conform to reasonable standards of dress that are appropriate for adults working in a professional capacity. Lock Haven University observers, participators, and student teachers are school district guests and must conform to the expectations of professional attire being worn in the host school. All Lock Haven University students in assigned field placements, including student teaching, should adhere to the following guidelines:

Males

- No earrings or visible body piercings or tattoos
- No head covering indoors; exceptions will be made for religious purposes
- No athletic apparel, including shoes; exceptions will be made for Athletic & Physical Education majors leading a physical activity.
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- Socks must be worn
- No denim or leather pants
- Wear clean, pressed clothing in good repair
- Clothes should fit properly so that no undergarments are exposed
- Hair should be clean and styled
- Be conservative

Acceptable attire includes: slacks, pressed shirt and tie or pullover sweater, dress shoes or loafers.

Females

- Restrained jewelry; no earrings in places other than the ear; earrings are of reasonable length (no long chains or hoops)
- No visible body piercings or tattoos
- No head coverings indoors; exceptions will be made for religious purposes
- No athletic apparel, including shoes; exceptions will be made for Health & Physical Education majors leading a physical activity
- Hair should be clean and neatly styled
- No denim or leather pants
- Clothes should fit properly so that no undergarments or excess cleavage are exposed
- Clothing should not fit tightly or be of such thin material as to reveal outline of underwear
- Avoid crop tops and low-rider pants that will reveal back or midriff during normal instructional activity
- Wear clean, pressed clothing in good repair
- Restrained makeup
- Modest skirt length (below the knee)
- Wear shoes that are comfortable and that will not inhibit movement during instructional activity
- Be conservative

Acceptable attire includes: suit, skirt, dress slacks, sweater or blouse, dress, or pantsuit, dress shoes or loafers.

If your dress is determined to be unacceptable, you will be asked to go home and change your clothes. Any missed days must be made up. A principal or teacher has the right to have you removed if they deem your dress to be unacceptable.

If a district policy is more specific than University policy, then the school policy should be followed.

In order to support school spirit, exceptions to this policy can be made for special days in the school.

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