

WALLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACULTY DRESS CODE

The Wallington Public School Administration, Staff, and Board of Education believe that a prime responsibility of the **entire** staff is to set a proper example for students. **Staff attire is** one area where this has impact in regards to school culture and climate. **Staff attire** should be guided by reason and appropriateness, **so as** to promote a tasteful, professional style of dress for all occasions. This Faculty Dress Code is in place from Sept. 1 to June 30 when school is in session, and for professional days. **It should also be noted that appropriate attire is expected at school-related activities and events.**

SCHOOL DAYS

I. GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTABLE ATTIRE FOR FEMALE PERSONNEL

- a. Dresses.
- b. Skirts, pantsuits or slacks with blouses or sweaters.
- c. Culottes or “skorts” (shorts with the flair of a skirt).

Good judgment should rule in determining what is not appropriate, however, the following should not be worn to school: Low cut or sheer blouses, jeans, warm-up pants/**suits**, sweat pants, “cargo” pants, flip-flops, and items which are too short or too tight. **(Sneakers may be worn on occasion due to elementary school teachers assuming a Physical Education class.)**

II. GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTABLE ATTIRE FOR MALE PERSONNEL

- a. Suit with a collared dress shirt and tie.
- b. Slacks with a collared dress shirt and tie, with or without a jacket.
- c. Slacks with a turtleneck/crew neck sweater and jacket.
- d. Slacks with a crew neck sweater with a dress shirt, or V-neck sweater with a shirt and tie.
- e. Ties will be optional from June 1 until the end of the school year for male teachers. However, collared dress shirts and appropriate slacks are required.

Good judgment should rule in determining what is not appropriate, however, the following should not be worn to school: Blue jeans, warm-up pants, sweat pants, “cargo” pants, flip-flops, sneakers **and inappropriate footwear.**

III. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- a. Certain items such as smocks, lab coats, or other special attire relating to the safety of all involved may be worn by teachers in the performance of their duties in specialized areas such as physical education, nursing, home economics, art and science.
- b. Special days such as “dress down” or “theme” days will be permitted as per administrative approval.

SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS *

Staff members frequently attend school-related activities and/or events (i.e. Senior Class Dinner, Prom, National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Academic Decathlon, Spring Concert, Art Show, Athletic Events, Awards Dinners, Mock Trial, Graduations, Transition, etc.) Although the type of activity determines the appropriate style or type of attire, a

certain level of professionalism and appropriateness is expected. The Superintendent of Schools or Administrator(s) present will address incidents of inappropriateness at these events.

*** Staff members who are on duty as paid chaperones at a school-related activity or event are held to a different standard of attire than those who are attending as guests.**

The administration reserves the right to prohibit any inappropriate style of dress not specifically mentioned, or to permit any exception to the Dress Code due to weather conditions or other emergent situations.

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