

College of Education

Dress and Appearance of Teacher Candidates

Statement of Policy

Augusta University recognizes that teachers and other professional educators are role models for the students who come in contact with them during and after school hours. As role models, teachers and other staff should be conscious of their dress and grooming and how it may affect students and parents. Teachers and staff are expected to dress in a professional and appropriate manner that will be most conducive to the educational environment. Teacher candidates should be clean, neat, well-groomed and dressed in an appropriate manner for their individual work assignments. A wide variety of teaching styles and activities occur between age and grade levels. Therefore, activities and/or assignments planned for the day will dictate, to a degree, the style of dress considered appropriate attire. Good judgment and common sense should be used in choosing appropriate attire. The responsibility for determining appropriate grooming and dress shall be placed under the supervision of the school administrators and the AU supervising faculty. As a general rule, shorts, sweats, and warm up suits are not appropriate dress. Exceptions would be physical education, field days, special dress days and field trips when special attire is required.

Minimum Dress and Grooming Standard

The following items are considered appropriate attire:

Men

Shoes with socks
Ties
Slacks
Short/long sleeve collared shirts
Sports jackets/suits
Crew/Mock/Turtleneck shirts
Polo/Golf shirts

Women

Shirts/blouses tucked in when appropriate
Skirts/dresses (**appropriate length)
Slacks
Suits
Knit shirts
Denim dresses/skirts
Coordinated Capri Pant Suits (mid-calf)

**Length guideline - Length should be at the knee

The following dress is NOT considered appropriate attire:

Shirts not tucked in (men)
Jogging/sweat suits (permitted for physical education ONLY)
Leotard type - stirrup pants
Mini skirts/dresses
Leggings/leotards
Shorts or dress shorts (men/women)
T-shirts (men/women)
Revealing garments
Flip flops
Tight fitting clothing
Skorts
Blue jeans (pants)

Note:

There will be general exceptions for dress made for special areas of instruction and events, such as physical education instruction, field trips, spirit day, etc., made by the site supervisor.

Athletic shoes are NOT allowed to be worn during PTA, or any activity leaving school site unless receiving prior permission from site supervisor (i.e. field trip to Phinizy Swamp).

Ties are preferred at scheduled parent/teacher conferences, PTA and any formal activities at the school or in the community.

Failure to adhere to this policy will result in a formal intervention by AU faculty.