

PROFESSIONAL DRESS CODE

The Plaquemines Parish School Board expects all professional personnel to conduct themselves with a high level of professional decorum and to dress in such a manner as to reflect positively on the individual, the school, and the education profession. Professional decorum and dress set a tone which encourages respect from students, parents, and other professionals and which fosters learning and classroom order. Conversely, inappropriate dress may create distractions to the teaching-learning processes and may reflect negatively on the individual, the school, and the teaching profession.

The Plaquemines Parish School Board reserves the right to require standards of appropriate dress which are conducive to safety, orderly classroom decorum, and which reflects positively on the school. The Board also recognizes the need to administer such a dress code with regard to the school setting.

GENERAL CLASSROOM/OFFICE SETTING

1. Any style of hair that creates a distraction will be considered inappropriate. Unnatural or fluorescent (yellow, orange, purple, blue, green, pink, or red) colored hair is prohibited.
2. **Caps, hats, and/or hoods are not to be worn indoors.**
3. Men's hair may not extend lower than the TOP of a dress shirt collar.
4. Men's facial hair should be neatly groomed.
5. Clothing should be properly sized. Overly-tight, revealing, and/or sheer clothing is inappropriate and prohibited.
6. No sweat suits, wind suits, or jogging suits are to be worn except by physical education personnel. (Athletic gear and tear away pants are prohibited.)
7. P. E. coaches may wear shorts while in P. E. classes (same length as P.E. uniforms). Action-wear pants or a skirt must be worn while in a classroom.
8. Classroom teachers MAY NOT wear ANY form of a T-shirt or shorts.

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9. Clothing that exposes the back, chest, **excessive cleavage**, or midriff is prohibited. Clothing with skin or undergarments showing will not be permitted.
10. BLUE JEANS or other COLORED DENIM PANTS are prohibited. (red, white, blue, black, burgundy, tan, brown, orange, purple, etc.)
11. A belt must be worn if pant design so necessitates.
12. Clean canvas/leather shoes may be worn.
13. NO bedroom slippers, moccasins, thongs, beach slides, wooden-heeled clogs, flip flops, Crocs, or clear plastic shoes may be worn. (Safety precaution.) Backless shoes (other than the shoes mentioned above) may be worn. Enclosed-toe shoes are preferred. Men must wear enclosed footwear.
14. Special dress is permitted for field trips or similar activities, as approved by the principal. Short shorts or "Daisy Duke" shorts are prohibited.
15. Neckties are not required for men, but encouraged.
16. Denim shirts, jumpers, dresses and skirts may be worn.
17. No more than two earrings per ear may be worn.
18. Any additional body piercings such as nose rings, tongue rings, lip rings, belly button rings, eyebrow rings, etc., are prohibited. Body piercing may not be covered by a band aid or any other cosmetic covering or concealer.
19. Skirts must be **worn at the knee or below**. Skorts, split skirts, and gauchos are prohibited.
20. Stirrup pants, stretch pants, capri pants, **CROPPED PANTS**, and leggings worn as pants are not allowed. **Pants must be the standard length, to the ankle or below. EXCEPTION: Employees are allowed to wear cropped pants and capri pants during the summer months of June and July.**
21. Cell phones, beepers or other electronic devices, and/or the Bluetooth or other ear-listening devices are NOT to be worn, used, or activated or put on "vibrate" setting during work hours, including active class time, on duty, in the halls, in the cafeteria, on the grounds, in any school bus, during professional development sessions, at faculty/staff meetings and school board meetings, during state testing, and/or school-related programs (events) such as graduation, beauty contests, Breakfast of Champions, Quiz Bowl, etc. (Wearing a cell phone or other electronic device includes such areas as: in the front shirt pocket, clipped to a side pocket or belt or waist band, clipped to the ear, etc.)

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22. Any garment, hair style, adornment, jewelry, or appearance considered inappropriate by the administration shall be prohibited.

SPECIALIZED EDUCATIONAL SETTING:

1. Gym shoes, shorts, sweatshirts, and sweatsuits are permitted for physical education, (gym or playground).
2. Physical education teachers in a classroom setting ARE NOT allowed to wear shorts; however, they will be permitted to wear an appropriate sweatsuit.
3. Special dress is permitted for seasonal activities, laboratory activities, spirit day, field trips, or similar activities, as approved by the principal. No tear away pants or short shorts are allowed.
4. Stirrup pants, stretch pants, capri pants, **CROPPED PANTS**, and leggings worn as pants are not allowed. **Pants must be the standard length, to the ankle or below.**
5. BLUE JEANS or other COLORED DENIM PANTS are prohibited. (red, white, blue, black, burgundy, tan, brown, orange, purple, etc.) EXCEPTION: Special events as determined by the school principal.
6. Any garment, hair style, adornment, jewelry, or appearance considered inappropriate by the administration shall be prohibited.

NOTE: All Plaquemines Parish School Board support service employees must dress appropriately as dictated by their job responsibilities.

EXCEPTION: Bus drivers are allowed to wear knee-length shorts. Daisy Duke and other short shorts are prohibited.

Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:81; Board minutes, 2000.

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