

## Staff Dress

The West Valley School Board of Directors believes school employees, especially teachers and administrators, are role models for students with whom they come into contact. The manner in which staff dresses influences students. Professional dress not only conveys self-respect, but also commands respect from others, such as students. Dress standards have the potential for augmenting a school's atmosphere. A standard on dress can contribute to improved learning and prevent or avoid safety hazards.

The Board further recognizes employees have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, there is wear or apparel that the Board deems disruptive, or potentially disruptive, to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school. Given this, the Board developed this policy not to limit dress, so much as to identify what is not appropriate wear in a school setting.

Employees are expected to wear appropriate dress for work that is neat, clean, and suitable for the job at hand. The Superintendent shall develop guidelines for what will be considered "inappropriate" dress.

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