

## TEACHER DRESS AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE

The Dickenson County School Board recognizes the right of teachers to exercise personal judgment in matters of dress and personal appearance, within certain boundaries. At the school and division levels appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment.

Teachers should dress appropriately as a professional educator. Under no circumstances shall teachers' dress standards fall below those outlined in the dress code for students. Teachers' dress should meet or exceed those standards.

Research proves that the type of clothing worn by teachers affects the work, attitude, and discipline of students. Teachers should dress to achieve these effects:

- 1) Respect
- 2) Credibility
- 3) Acceptance
- 4) Authority

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