

Personal Appearance

Policy

- a. Each employee is expected to dress and groom appropriately for the job, presenting a clean, safe, and neat appearance. An employee unsure about whether attire or grooming is appropriate should consult with his/her supervisor.
- b. Employees working in classrooms and office areas should dress professionally. Appropriate attire includes, but is not limited to, slacks, khakis, capri or crop pants (if they portray a business appearance), knit blouses or tops, dress shirts, polo and cotton shirts, skirts and dresses, turtlenecks, sweaters, loafers, and sandals. T-shirts, sweat suits, and leggings are not appropriate office or classroom dress.
- c. For those employees who do not have direct contact with the public, dress should still be neat and clean and pose no safety hazard to themselves or others.
- d. On approved casual days, employees may dress in casual clothing, including T-shirts, although dress standards still require a neat, clean appearance.
- e. Field employees are required to wear the assigned work uniform provided by the District. If a work uniform has not been assigned, employees may wear jeans and T-shirts as well as shorts that are no more than 3 inches above the knee. Any employee who performs any work assignments in the field must wear closed-toe shoes. Long hair must be tied back to ensure the employee's personal safety. Loose clothing or dangling jewelry that poses a safety hazard to employees also is prohibited. Kitchen and food source employees shall wear attire and groom their hair as required by their departments, consistent with the requirements of state and federal law.
- f. Under no circumstances may employees wear halter tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops, cropped tops, clothing with offensive wording (sexually-related references or foul language) or that promotes the use of illegal drugs, clothing that shows undergarments (sheer), torn clothing, clothing with holes in it, or tight-fitting, revealing, or oversized clothing. All clothing must be clean, neat, and fit properly. Safe, neat, and clean shoes should be worn at all times.
- g. For all employees, professional appearance means that the District expects employees to maintain good hygiene and grooming while working. Facial hair is permitted as long as it is neat and well-trimmed. Earrings in the earlobe are acceptable; however, gauges, extenders, and/or o-rings must be removed while working. Rings/studs through the nose, eyebrow, tongue, or body parts other than the ear lobe that are visible to the public may not be worn while working. All tattoos must be small in size or covered at all times and

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may not be offensive in nature (sexually-related references, foul language, and the promotion of illegal drugs is prohibited). Employees are expected to be conservative in the wearing of makeup, scented products, and hairstyles.

- h. If an employee requires a reasonable accommodation regarding his/her dress for bona fide legal reasons, s/he should contact his/her supervisor to discuss an exception to the personal appearance guidelines. Unless it would constitute an undue hardship or safety hazard, District will accommodate such requests.

End of Policy