

Guidelines for Professional Attire in a Catholic School Setting

MEN:

Collared shirts, dress slacks, ties (not required but suggested)
Sweaters or cardigans, jackets, blazers, suits (optional)
Dress shoes or casual dress shoes

WOMEN:

Business suits, dresses, skirts
Pant suits, dress slacks
Blouses, blazers, sweaters
Dress shoes or casual dress shoes

BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE FOR MEN AND WOMEN (when students are not present)

Collared shirts or blouses, polo shirts, turtlenecks, sweaters or cardigans
Slacks, Dockers, chinos, khakis, jeans (that fit and look neat and clean)
Casual shoes

UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE FOR EITHER BUSINESS OR BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE:

Athletic wear, jump suits, shorts, cargo pants, t-shirts, tank tops, halter tops
Leggings, sweatpants, jogging suits, yoga pants, very short skirts or dresses
Shear, revealing or tight fitting clothing, immodest necklines, tattered clothing, apparel with slogans
Athletic shoes, hiking boots, beach type sandals such as **flip flops**, clogs and Uggs
(Inappropriate footwear, such as flip flops, pose a safety threat, especially in a school emergency)
No sunglasses indoors

NOTE: Some accommodations to the above requirements can be made for positions that require a more relaxed attire due to the nature of the work, i.e. PE Teachers, Pre-School Teachers, Before and After School Care workers.

OTHER EXPECTATIONS:

Facial and body piercings are not appropriate, tattoos are to be covered at all times
Accessories should be simple, in good taste and not excessive
Select apparel, jewelry and hairstyles that are in good taste and model the expectations the school has for students
Colognes and fragrances should be used in moderation or avoided (some people are allergic to these)

A general rule to follow- If you would wear it to the beach, a barbecue, or a night club, don't wear it to school!

Professional attire of the teacher affects the work, attitudes, and discipline of the students. Professional dress has the following effects: Respect, Credibility, Acceptance and Authority.

In the words of Dr. Harry Wong:

"As you are dressed, so shall you be perceived, as you are perceived, so shall you be treated."