



Field Experience Attire

Dressing professionally during all your fieldwork hours is crucial to your experience. Each visit to a school is an opportunity to make a lasting impression, either positive or negative. Every time you step into a building to work with teachers and students, you are essentially participating in an ongoing interview. If you have to question whether something is appropriate, it's likely best to avoid it. Here are some key considerations to keep in mind.

Do wear	Don't wear
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dress pants/Long skirt• Collared/professional shirt• Clean clothes• Something you would wear to an interview• Dress for Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short skirts• Jeans (Unless it's a special event for the school)• Tight-fitting bottoms (unless your top is long enough to cover your bottom)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ex. Leggings, yoga pants, spandex, etc.• Shirts that show your chest or stomach• Hoodies or sweatpants• T-shirts with printed characters or writing• Hats• Pants that sag or have holes (even if they're made that way)• Workout clothing
Other Considerations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do your clothes do when moving around?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ When you sit does your skirt come up to an inappropriate length, does your shirt lift in the back and show skin?○ When you kneel to work by a student can someone see down your shirt, do your pants slip down?○ If you lift your arms does your belly show?• If the lights are bright or you are in the sun, is the clothing see-through?• Check with your cooperating teacher to see if your placement has a specific dress code that you need to follow.	

It's important to distinguish yourself from the students through your appearance. This is not the time or place for bold fashion statements or dressing to impress. Especially when working with students, they must see you as a TEACHER, not as a peer. While a principal or teacher may not directly address concerns about your attire, they are likely to communicate them to the School of Education. Please avoid putting others in an uncomfortable position by ensuring your appearance aligns with professional expectations.

I understand that some of the styles you wear daily might fall under the "Don't" category in this context. However, remember that you are presenting yourself to a different audience, and it's important to adapt accordingly. If you need assistance accessing professional clothing due to financial hardship, please reach out to the career center. They can help you get set up with their career closet, located in the Library building.