

**TROY UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
FIELD EXPERIENCE DRESS CODE**

The professional status of a pre-service teacher is, in part, determined and reinforced by appropriate dress and appearance. Research has proven that there is a direct correlation between appropriate dress and how others perceive the individual, as well as the organization represented by the individual. Students will learn from the example you set. Your professional dress should promote a working and learning environment that is conducive to accelerated levels of student performance. Inappropriate clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, accessories or bodily adornments that are in any way disruptive or potentially disruptive to the learning environment are prohibited. Examples of these include, but are not limited to:

1. Visible Tattoos and/or body piercings (except earrings).
2. See-through clothing or fishnet fabrics, halter-tops, spaghetti strap tops, off the shoulder or low-cut tops, and bare midriff.
3. Tight or form-fitting clothing, such as leggings and spandex slacks.
4. Flip-flops, crocs, heels of more than 2.5 inches, shoes with cleats or house shoes.
5. T-shirts, unless containing your host school's insignia or the insignia of another school deemed appropriate by your host school and worn in conjunction with school sponsored events. These must be worn on days designated as appropriate by the school administration.
6. Sweatsuits/pants, Windsuits/pants, and scrubs are inappropriate
7. Jeans are inappropriate.
8. Shorts of any kind.
9. Excessive jewelry which may become distracting to students in the learning environment.
10. Fingernails which are disruptive in appearance due to length or decoration.

Field Experience marks the beginning of your professional career. The Troy University College of Education recognizes this and thus sets standards which both benefit and prepare you to enter the classroom. Your Field Experience may well be your first step to an unofficial interview and can be influential in your being hired in the future. Everything you do during your Field Experience reflects not only on you but on this University.

PLEASE COPY THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH AND RETURN TO THE TEP COORDINATOR PRIOR TO OBSERVING:

Adherence to the Troy University Dress Code is mandatory. If at any time it is determined that the terms of this Dress Code have been violated, I _____ (insert name) understand that I may be denied the right to complete Field Experience hours until the issue is resolved by the Multi-Campus Director of Teacher Education Program, my coordinator of Teacher Education, the Chair of the Education Department, and my instructor. I agree to abide by the terms of whatever action is deemed appropriate, by the aforementioned parties, in relation to my violation.

