## Professional Dress Code

**1. Purpose**
Teachers set an example in dress and grooming for their students to follow. A teacher should present an image of dignity and encourage respect for authority. These factors act in a positive manner towards the maintenance of classroom discipline.

**2. Authority**

The Board has the authority to specify reasonable dress and grooming guidelines for staff, within the law, that will prevent such matters from having an adverse impact on the educational process.

It is expected that professional staff will dress in a professional and responsible manner.

**3. Guidelines**

**Female**
Excessively short, revealing and/or tight-fitting clothing is prohibited. Sport attire (jogging suits, tennis and golf skirts, shorts etc.) is prohibited. Also prohibited are sneakers.

**Male**
Sports attire (jogging suits, shorts, etc.) is prohibited. Also prohibited are T-shirts, jeans, sneakers, and baseball caps.

**Exception**
Both male and female physical education instructors, nurses, industrial arts, home economics and science teachers, recess monitors and special education teachers, because of the nature of their duties, may wear clothing appropriate to their professional responsibilities. In addition, it is understood that certain clothing related to a medical condition may supersede the regulations of this Professional Dress Code, and that certain field trip activities could require specialized garments. When the public and students are not in the building, this code is relaxed.