

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

DRESS FOR SAFETY SUCCESS

As staff return to campus, it is important to ensure appropriate dress attire for the role or tasks expected throughout their day. Dress safety smart and consider the following:

Clothing:

- ❖ Prioritize clothing that allows for easy movement and ensures comfort during the day.
- ❖ Avoid garments with excessive frills, hanging strings, or loose embellishments to reduce the risk of entanglement or tripping.
- ❖ When working outside during the warm and sunny weather months, use wide-brimmed hats and light-colored clothing to help keep the high temperatures from creating fatigue and dehydration.

Jewelry/Accessories:

- ❖ Avoid dangling earrings, lengthy scarves, long lanyards, and large accessories as they can pose potential risks, including strangulation or entanglement hazards.
- ❖ Injuries can result from students pulling on jewelry or accessories, as well as catching on objects.

Footwear:

- ❖ The most common cause of staff injuries are slips, trips, and falls. Consider and anticipate wearing footwear appropriate for that day's activities and potential emergencies.
- ❖ Wearing supportive footwear is extremely important, as it contributes to both comfort and safety. Properly fitting shoes that provide adequate support can prevent foot injuries and promote good posture during prolonged standing and walking.

- ❖ In general, appropriate footwear are shoes that have enclosed toes, a flat or minimal heel, a good grip and fit well. Shoes with slippery soles, poorly secured shoes (e.g., thongs or ill-fitting sandals/scuffs), loose soles/laces or worn/high or thin heels, should be avoided.

General Safety Considerations:

- ❖ Employees must wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) as necessary whenever there is a potential risk of exposure to hazardous materials, substances, or conditions in the workplace.



By raising awareness of the dress requirements with a focus on safety considerations, employees can feel comfortable and free to express themselves while minimizing potential risks and distractions. Creating a safe teaching environment is essential for fostering academic success and overall well-being.

All employees should to refer to their district's established dress code policy for specific guidance that aligns with the district's professional standards and guidelines.

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