## 425. DRESS AND GROOMING

### 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 law, that will prevent such matters from having an adverse impact on the educational process. All staff members shall, when assigned to district duty, be physically clean, neat, and well groomed; dress in a manner reflecting professional assignment; and dress in a manner that does not cause damage to district property.

If a teacher feels that an exception to this policy because of special circumstances would enable him/her to carry out assigned duties more effectively, a request should be made to the Principal.