

**Office of Teacher Clinical Practice and Residency
Dress Code / Code of Conduct**

The College of Education and its partner clinical sites state that candidates in violation of this policy will not be allowed to complete his/her field experience in the cooperating school district. It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that candidates review each district/parish/school dress code policy prior to any site visits and actively adhere to the expected code.

Southeastern Louisiana University	
Clinical Experience Dress Code	Clinical Experience Code of Conduct
Teacher candidates will maintain their person and clothing in a clean and orderly manner that reflects pride in self and the University. These guidelines are designed to assist candidates in setting a standard for their personal appearance and support the growth of their professional dispositions.	Teacher candidates will conduct site-based experiences in a manner that will provide an orderly process of education and ensure the safety and welfare of all pupils who attend these sites. When the behavior of a candidate comes in conflict with the rights of others, corrective action may be necessary for the benefit of both the candidate and the partner site.
A. Dress	A. Behavior
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patches, symbols, writings, etc. which are vulgar or offensive will not be allowed. Words that advertise alcohol, gambling, cigarettes and/or drugs are prohibited. 2. Hats or caps will not be worn inside the school buildings. 3. Unless prescribed by a doctor, dark glasses or any type of sunglasses will not be worn in the school building. 4. No see-through or mesh garments, this includes maternity garments. 5. Low cut blouses or shirts/tops with spaghetti straps or no straps are not allowed. 6. Tops/blouses that show skin from the waistline up when raising arms to write on the board are not allowed. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No candidate is to eat, drink, or chew gum in a partner teacher’s classroom. Smoking is prohibited at all sites (this includes ecigarettes). 2. The use of offensive or vulgar language on or around the school campus and/or classroom is prohibited. 3. The candidate is prohibited from displaying any behavior that interrupts or distorts the learning process within the schools and/or classrooms. 4. Any posts regarding the clinical site on any form of social media, group texts, or mass email will result in immediate referral to the Office of Teacher Clinical Practice and Residency. <p>*Represents a change or new policy</p>

B. Pants/Skirts/Shorts/Skortts	B. External Devices
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Skirt slits (long or short skirt) must not extend higher than four inches above the back crease of the knee. 2. Shorts, of any kind, are not to be worn, with the exception of teaching physical education. 3. No jeans of any color shall be worn. 4. Leggings are not allowed as pants (during the winter they may be worn under dresses). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The use of cell phones is prohibited on the partner site campus. 2. No laptops or electronic pads should be brought into a cooperating teacher's class (unless explicit approval is given by the cooperating teacher). 3. Candidates are NOT to ask to use any computers or electronic devices belonging to the school or teacher.
<p>C. Shoes</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No slippers, flip-flops, beach shoes or cleats. (Cleats may be appropriate for Health and PE majors) 	
<p>D. Jewelry</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Body piercings, such as nose rings, eyebrow rings, lip rings, cheek rings, tongue rings, etc. are not permitted. Please wear clear fillers or remove disallowed jewelry completely. 	
<p>E. Tattoos</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is highly recommended that tattoos are covered during the field experience. Each school/district observes different tattoo policies, it is your responsibility to make yourself familiar with those policies. 	

