**Field Experience Dress Code for all USC Aiken Education Majors**

All USC Aiken SOE students, while in the classroom or in attendance at school functions, should dress professionally and appropriately and wear official USC Aiken identification at all times. This policy applies to all practica and internship responsibilities or anytime you are in the school, representing USC Aiken.

**What is considered appropriate?** Business casual, generally comprised of casual slacks and skirts, dresses, collared shirts, blouses and sweaters, is appropriate attire in all USC Aiken locations and for most situations. All clothing should be clean and well-kept, personal hygiene should be practiced at all times.

**What is considered inappropriate**?

* Any mode of dress or appearance that could disrupt class or learning activities.
* Any mode of dress or appearance that shows untidiness, uncleanliness or lack of personal hygiene.
* Clothing, jewelry, visible tattoos that promote the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or controlled substances by words or symbols; that contain profanity or nudity; that depict violence; that are sexual in nature by words or symbols; or that are disruptive in some other manner.
* Any mode of dress with rips, holes, fraying or excessively distressed.
* Sweatpants, sweatshirts, hoodies, yoga pants or tights worn as pants, leggings unless worn under a dress.
* Any clothing material made of denim, e.g., pants, skirts or sports jackets.
* Pants worn below the waist line.
* Pierced jewelry anywhere other than in the ears (gauge replacements should be made of non-distracting material).
* Clothing that reveals the chest/ cleavage while sitting, standing or bending.
* Flip-flops, beach shoes or like footwear.
* Tailored shirts that are untucked, unless worn as a jacket.

Modifications may be made by the appropriate supervisor to accommodate USC Aiken students who are engaged in specialized duties (such as physical education, vocational education, field-trips) or in specialized activities (workdays, spirit days, casual days, etc.) that require or permit a relaxed mode of dress.

Reasonable accommodation shall be made by the appropriate clinical teacher/principal for those USC Aiken students who, because of a sincerely held religious belief, cultural heritage, or medical reason request a waiver of a particular part of this policy for dress or appearance.

Any USC Aiken student who does not meet the standards of this policy will be required to take immediate corrective action, go home, and change. Any time missed because of failure to comply with this policy will not count as practicum or internship hours and may jeopardize the placement. Repeated violations of this policy will be cause for disciplinary action as recommended by the principal, faculty, staff, cooperating teacher or university contact.

**There is no deviation from this dress code for any USC Aiken student regardless of how school employees dress!**

**These standards are a compilation of dress code standards for the USC Aiken School of Education, other University Field Experience departments and area county school districts. The goal is to convey that you should dress as if you are attending a job interview...BECAUSE YOU ARE!**