

Policy

CONDUCT AND DRESS

The Haworth Board of Education expects staff conduct to be that of appropriate role models for pupils.

The board expects all staff members to be neatly groomed and dressed in clothing suitable for the subject of instruction, the work being performed, or the occasion. Teaching staff shall dress in a manner that reflects maturity and decorum.

The board retains the authority to specify the following 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:

- A. Be physically clean, neat and well groomed;
- B. Dress in a manner reflecting their assignments;
- C. Dress in a manner that does not cause damage to district property;
- D. Dress and be groomed in such a way so as not to cause a health or safety hazard.

If a staff member feels that an exception to this policy would enable him/her to carry out assigned duties more effectively, a request shall be made to the superintendent/principal.

Unbecoming Conduct

When an employee, either within the schools or outside normal duties, creates conditions under which the proper operation of the schools is affected, the board upon recommendation of the superintendent/principal and in accordance with statute shall determine whether such acts or lack of actions constitute conduct unbecoming a school employee, and if so, will proceed against the employee in accordance with law.

Unbecoming conduct sufficient to warrant board review may result from a single flagrant incident or from a series of incidents.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:6-10 Dismissal and reduction in compensation of persons under tenure in public school system
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:27-4 Power of boards of education to make rules governing employment of teacher, etc., employment thereunder
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)

Hicks v. Pemberton Bd. of Ed., 1975 S.L.D. 332

Quiroli v. Linwood Bd. of Ed., 1974 S.L.D. 1035

Carlstadt Teachers Ass'n v. Carlstadt Bd. of Ed., App. Div., unreported decision

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(docket no. A-1469-80-T4, decided March 26, 1982), 1982 S.L.D. 1448

Possible

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| <u>Cross References:</u> | 4117.50 | Standards for staff discipline |
| | 4119.2 | Responsibilities |
| | *4119.21 | Conflict of interest |
| | *4119.23 | Employee substance abuse |
| | 4119.24 | Staff/pupil relations |
| | *4138 | Nonschool employment |
| | *4138.2 | Private tutoring |
| | *6144 | Controversial issues |

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.