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Subject: UNIFORMS

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To implement high standards of sanitation in school food service programs, the following dress standards should be observed. It is the responsibility of the principal and food service manager to enforce high standards of personal cleanliness in the supervision of employees during all periods of duty.

I. Uniforms

- A. The food service employee should look professional at all times. The properly uniformed employee contributes to a clean, sanitary environment for preparing and serving school meals.
- B. Food service employees are required to wear professional uniforms in white or an agreed color scheme. These may be a pantsuit, dress or uniform top with pants, skirt or coulotte (split-skirt). Polo-style tops with the Department of Food and Nutrition logo or the individual school logo may be worn as long as the dress code is consistent within each school and meets professional standards. A plain white uniform is always acceptable. Sleeveless uniforms are not permitted. Motorized vehicle operators should wear the prescribed uniform of blue or white shirt with collar, dark blue pants and black, non-skid, closed-toe shoes.
- C. Uniforms should be fresh looking and clean at all times. No buttons should be missing and any tears should be mended.
- D. A clean apron, white or colors to reflect special occasions, should be worn when serving.
- E. Slips should not show and shoulder straps should be secured in place. Proper foundation garments are required in colors that are not obvious.
- F. A clean white sweater or lab coat may be worn.
- G. No tee shirt tops should be worn.
- H. Use of cellular telephones and accessories, beepers, radios, CD players, or other electronic devices is disruptive, unsanitary and unsafe while working. Since they are not part of the uniform, they are not permitted on the work floor.

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II. Jewelry

- A. Necklaces, earrings, bracelets, broaches, hair ornaments, or fancy handkerchiefs must not be worn while on duty to prevent injury or food contamination.
- B. Plain wedding rings may be worn while on duty.
- C. When an employee has pierced ears, plain earrings may be worn.

III. Hair

- A. Proper hair restraints are required by the Department of Health and must be worn by **all** employees covering the entire head to confine hair and prevent it from falling into employees' eyes, into food or onto food-contact surfaces. Hair net or other approved hair covering must be worn at all times.
- B. Hair should be worn simply.

IV. Shoes

- A. Professional uniform shoes should be worn. Shoes should be clean, white or black, with a non-skid sole and closed heel and toe, well fitting, and in good repair. Heels should never be run over.
- B. Low heeled shoes give greater support and are more comfortable.

V. Hose

- A. Full length stockings should not be wrinkled or twisted.
- B. Half stockings or anklets may be worn with matched pantsuits.
- C. Stockings must be free of runs and holes.