Dress for Success for Classroom Safety

Clothing

- ✓ Loose enough to provide easy movement and allows comfort all day long, but does not create a distraction for students
- ✓ Consider slogans (if not banned), team names, other printing, and impact on students
  - o Prints may be of high interest to students or cause distraction
  - o May develop rapport, connection, conversation
  - o But may have negative connotation; may lead to a focus/emphasis on undesired topics

Jewelry/Accessories

- ✓ Consider reaction to dangling earrings, long scarves, or other accessories
  - o Students may admire fashion sense
  - o But it may provide handhold or distraction
- ✓ Injuries may result from students pulling on jewelry, scarves…

Hairstyles

- ✓ Similar to jewelry/accessories, a braid or ponytail may be hard to resist for holding, touching, or pulling

Footwear

- ✓ Supportive footwear that allows for easy movement
- ✓ Avoid high heels and backless footwear
- ✓ Consider standing, walking, and ability to move very quickly during the course of the day when choosing footwear

Comfort and safety are key when considering dressing for success. In addition, adherence to your school/district dress code, as well as using your knowledge of your students and any possible disabilities, will keep you and your students safe during the school day.