

Clothing

STUDENTS VIEWS REGARDING THE DRESSING/STYLE OF HOME

ECONOMICS TEACHERS

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ABSTRACT

Professionalism is a term used to express any professional's proficiency in his/her specific field. A professional expresses his or her professionalism in many ways, more significantly through his or her dressing/style. Like in any other profession, it is important to find out whether or not the professionalism of Home Economics Teachers (H.E.T) is expressed through their dressing/style (D/S). This study has been conducted in earnest based upon the 141 randomly selected intermediate student's views of R.L.AK Government College for Home Economics, Karachi. A questionnaire was designed to gather views and opinions of the respondents. The results of this study revealed that by getting home economics education one could get a better knowledge about color and its psychology and understanding of latest fashion trends in relation to D/S. D/S reflects one's personality and his/her activities and profession. As far as, H.E.Ts are concerned, their dress should reflect professionalism in accordance to their subject knowledge.

Personal grooming is one of the most important factors, which is associated with D/S of H.E.T. Most of the respondents believe that professionalism in dressing of H.E.T is reflected more through cotton fabric as it gives sober impression with refreshing cool colors. Small prints/motives and band collar also supplement professionalism in D/S of H.E.T. Smooth joining of fabrics with even stitches and visibility of balance in dress shows H.E.T. command over subject. Full sleeves with neat and clean dressing enhance overall appearance of H.E.T. Factors in style like light make-up application, strap handbags, stylish and comfortable shoes matter to express H.E.T. professionalism.

KEY WORDS: Home Economics Teachers (H.E.T), Professionalism, Home Economics Education, Dressing/Style (D/S).