



**Video Title:** How to Dress Appropriately: 1 Minute Tips

One dynamic that is difficult for some interpreters to manage is how to have good rapport and relate with students and yet be perceived as a professional. The way that you dress actually carries with it a lot of power. Sometimes, we want to have it both ways. We want to be seen by the students as being cool, “with it,” and yet then we wonder why the faculty and staff don’t treat us like professionals. I recommend that you dress kind of middle-of-the-road. You don’t want to be the most formally dressed person on campus, and you don’t want to look like the least formally dressed person on campus. Business casual is a good goal.

**Image Description:**

Melissa, wearing a light blue shirt, recommends a business casual dress code for interpreters on a school campus. Renea, wearing a navy blue shirt, translates in American Sign Language.