

Clothing for an 1893 School Day

Students are encouraged to dress in costume for their visit. Since hand-me-downs were the norm, clothing did not fit as nicely as it does today. Students should not feel that their costumes have to be tailored to their size. Be sure to dress according to the weather.

Female Teacher

Long, dark skirt
White, long sleeved blouse
Cameo brooch (or other ornate pin)
Long, dark stockings
Lace handkerchief tucked in sleeve
Straw or felt hat for outside
Hair worn swept up, with a fringe in front (optional) and knot in back. If you have short hair either fake it or, if questioned, lament you had a 'fever' that was so bad that all your long hair had to be cut off

Male Teacher

Long sleeved shirt with celluloid collar
Suspenders
Dark plain tie
Dark shoes
Straw hat or cap

Female Students

Dress (midway between knee and ankle) in small overall floral print, gingham check, or solid color
Long skirt with a white or light colored blouse.
Long white or dark stockings
Hair in pigtails, braids or loose hair pulled back with a big bow

Male Students

Dark, knee length pants
Blue jeans
White or light colored shirt
Plain flannel shirt
Knickers
Suspenders
Long socks
Straw hat