

ADA 4E: 1915 Rules for Women Teachers

- 1) You will not keep company with men
- 2) You will not marry during the term of contract.
- 3) You must be home between hours of 8pm and 6am
- 4) You must not loiter downtown in any of the ice cream stores.
- 5) You may not travel beyond the city limits unless you have the permission of the chairman of the board.
- 6) You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless it be your father or your brother.
- 7) You may not smoke cigarettes.
- 8) You may not dress in bright colors, and you may not under any circumstances dye your hair.
- 9) You must wear at least two petticoats, and your dresses may not be shorter than 2 inches above your ankles.
- 10) You must keep the school neat and clean, sweep the floor at least once daily, and scrub the floor at least once a week with hot, soapy water.
- 11) You must clean the blackboards once a day, and start the fire at 7am so the room will be warm at 8am

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