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# ICDC DRESS CODE

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Professional appearance is an important aspect of the overall preparation of DECA members for the business world. To that end, DECA supports a dress code for its career-based functions that exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism while being non-discriminatory between males and females. DECA's board of directors has developed the following official dress standards for the International Career Development Conference. Students, advisors and chaperones must follow the dress code.

Competitors must wear an official DECA blazer during interaction with the judges. While official DECA blazers are not required during briefing and testing, professional business dress is required. Professional dress should also be worn to all conference sessions including workshops and special meal functions such as luncheons. For a more polished, professional appearance, it is recommended that attendees wear appropriate hosiery/socks.

**AN OFFICIAL DECA BLAZER IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE RECOGNITION/AN AWARD ON STAGE.**

## WHEN APPEARING BEFORE JUDGES

### FEMALES

Official DECA blazer with dress skirt or dress slacks and a dress blouse or official blazer with a dress; dress shoes

### MALES

Official DECA blazer with dress slacks, collared dress shirt and necktie; dress shoes and dress socks

## DECA GENERAL SESSIONS AND MEAL FUNCTIONS

### FEMALES

Business suit or blazer with dress blouse and dress skirt or dress slacks or business dress; dress shoes

### MALES

Business suit or sport coat with dress slacks, collared dress shirt and necktie; dress shoes and dress socks

## EVENT BRIEFING, MANUAL REGISTRATION + TESTING, LEADERSHIP ACADEMIES + INSTITUTES

### FEMALES

Dress blouse or dress sweater with dress skirt or dress slacks (blazer optional) or business dress; dress shoes

### MALES

Collared dress shirt and necktie with dress slacks (blazer optional); dress shoes and dress socks

## DECA BUSINESS CASUAL

Casual slacks (e.g., Dockers), blouse or shirt, socks and casual shoes.

Jeans, t-shirts and athletic shoes are not included in business casual attire.

## UNACCEPTABLE DURING DECA ACTIVITIES

Skin-tight or revealing clothing

Midriff-baring clothing

Swimwear

Leggings or graphic designed hosiery/tights

Athletic clothing

Clothing with printing that is suggestive, obscene or promotes illegal substances

*When judging adherence to the dress code, DECA asks that advisors, teachers and chaperones use observation as the tool for assessing compliance. DECA does not support or condone the touching of students or their clothing as a means of determining whether or not a student is following the dress code guidelines.*