



Professional appearance is an important aspect of the overall preparation of DECA members for the business world. When attending conferences, members represent themselves, their school, hometown and the entire organization. DECA supports a dress code for its career-based functions that exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism while being discriminatory between genders.

Indiana DECA approved attire, Category 1 or 2, is to be worn by all delegates during general sessions, competitive events, scheduled meetings, workshops, tours (clothing categories are indicated), and mini sessions, *unless specified elsewhere*.

For a more polished, professional appearance, it is recommended that attendees wear appropriate hosiery/socks.

All skirts and dresses **MUST** be at or below the knee.

The following items constitute approved attire for all delegates

Category 1:

- Business suit or sport coat or DECA blazer (DECA blazer optional)
 - Dress slacks, dress skirt or business dress
 - Collared dress shirt and appropriate neckwear (necktie, ascot, scarf) or dress blouse
 - Dress Shoes
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Category 2:

- Dress slacks, dress skirt or business dress
 - Collared dress shirt and appropriate neckwear (necktie, ascot, scarf) or dress blouse
 - Dress Shoes
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Category 3:

- Casual wear (jeans/pants and shirt/blouse, and conference t-shirts)
 - Appropriate footwear required
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UNACCEPTABLE DURING REQUIRED DECA ACTIVITIES:

- Hats, tank tops, tube tops, cutoffs or ragged clothing
- Skin-tight or revealing clothing
- Midriff-baring clothing
- Swim wear
- Athletic clothing
- Leggings or graphic designed hosiery/tights
- Clothing with printing that is suggestive, obscene or promotes illegal substances
- Unacceptable types of dress shoes include boat shoes, canvas or fabric shoes, flip flops or casual sandals, athletic shoes, industrial work shoes and hiking boots

NOTE: If a swimming pool is available at State or International Conferences, an appropriate cover-up and shoes will be required to and from the pool area.