

# NC-DECA DRESS CODE

Professional appearance is an important aspect of the overall preparation of DECA members for the business world. To that end, NC-DECA supports a dress code for its career-based functions that exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism while being non-discriminatory between males & females.

NC-DECA's board of directors has developed the following official dress standards for all NC-DECA related events. Students, advisors & chaperones **MUST** follow the dress code.

Professional dress should be worn to all conference sessions including workshops, optional testing and special meal functions such as luncheons.

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

**All skirts & dresses must be at or below the knee.**

## WHEN APPEARING BEFORE JUDGES OR AT DECA GENERAL SESSIONS

**FEMALES:** Business suit or blazer with dress blouse & dress skirt or dress slacks or business dress; dress shoes.

**MALES:** Business suit or sport coat with dress slacks, collared dress shirt & necktie; dress socks & dress shoes.

## DECA ATTIRE FOR LOCAL DISTRICT EVENTS (AT DISCRETION OF DISTRICT LEADERSHIP)

**FEMALES:** Dress blouse or dress sweater with dress skirt or dress slacks (blazer optional) or business dress; dress shoes.

**MALES:** Collared dress shirt & necktie with dress slacks (blazer optional); dress socks & dress shoes.

## DECA BUSINESS CASUAL

Casual slacks (e.g. Dockers), blouse or collared shirt, socks and casual shoes  
Jeans, t-shirts & athletic shoes are not included in business casual attire.

## UNACCEPTABLE DURING DECA ACTIVITIES

- Skin-tight or revealing clothing
- Midriff-baring clothing
- Clothing with printing that is suggestive, obscene or promotes illegal substances
- Athletic clothing or swimwear
- Leggings or graphic designed hosiery/tights
- Unacceptable types of dress shoes include boat shoes, canvas or fabric shoes, flip flops or casual sandals, athletic shoes, industrial work shoes & hiking boots.**

*When judging adherence to the dress code, NC-DECA asks that advisors, teachers, & chaperones use observation as the tool for assessing compliance. NC-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.*