



Professional dress: Dressing for conferences and DECA activities



Dressing well for business occasions is a skill you can teach. Make no apologies—give your members this vital insight.

The purpose of DECA's dress code for conferences is to reinforce a real-world truth. **Thank you for helping with this fundamental lesson.**



Latest Official Dress Code for the International Career Development Conference

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.

Females

Males

When Appearing before Judges

Official DECA blazer with dress skirt or dress slacks and a dress blouse or official blazer with a dress; dress shoes and hosiery/trouser socks.

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

DECA General Sessions, Meal Functions and Workshops

Business suit or blazer with dress blouse and dress skirt or dress slacks or business dress; dress shoes and hosiery/trouser socks.

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

An official DECA blazer is required to receive recognition/an award on stage.

Event Briefings, Manual Registration and Testing

Dress blouse or dress sweater with dress skirt or dress slacks (blazer optional) or business dress; dress shoes and hosiery/trouser socks.

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.

Dance Attire

Casual slacks or jeans with blouse, shirt or t-shirt. Shoes are required.

The following are unacceptable during DECA activities:

- Skin-tight or revealing clothing
- Athletic clothing
- Clothing with printing that is suggestive or obscene or promotes illegal substances
- Midriff-baring clothing
- Swimwear

