

## **Dress Code for Advisors, Members and Guests**

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Collegiate DECA members and advisors should develop an awareness of the image one's appearance projects. The purpose of the dress code is to uphold the professional image of the association and its members and to prepare students for the business world.

Appropriate attire is required for all attendees -- advisors, members, and guests -- at all general sessions, competitive events, invitational meetings, workshops, and other activities unless otherwise stated in the conference program. Conference name badges are part of this dress code and must be worn for all conference functions. For safety reasons, do not wear name badges when touring.

### **Professional attire acceptable for official activities include:**

#### *Males*

- Business suit with collar dress shirt, and necktie or
- Sport coat, dress slacks, collared shirt, and necktie or
- Dress slacks, collared shirt, and necktie.
- Banded collar shirt may be worn only if sport coat or business suit is worn.
- Dress shoes and dress socks.

#### *Females*

- Business suit with blouse or
- Business pantsuit with blouse or
- Skirt or dress slacks with blouse or sweater or
- Business dress.
- Dress shoes and hosiery.

### **Inappropriate attire, for both men and women, includes:**

- Jewelry in visible body piercing, other than ears
- Jeans
- Denim or chambray fabric clothing of any kind, overalls
- Backless, see-through, tight-fitting, spaghetti straps, strapless, extremely short, or low-cut blouses/tops/dresses/skirts
- T-shirts, Lycra™, spandex, midriff tops, tank tops, bathing suits
- Sandals, athletic shoes, industrial work shoes, hiking boots, bare feet, or over-the-knee-boots
- Athletic wear, including sneakers and exercise or bike shorts, shorts, stretch or stirrup pants
- Hats, caps or flannel fabric clothing
- Visible foundation garments