

Dress Code

In order to promote a professional atmosphere, Delaware DECA has developed the following official dress code policy for the DECA Career Development Conference that exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism while being non-discriminatory between males and females. Students, advisors and chaperones must follow the dress code.

Professional dress should be worn to all conference sessions including workshops and special meal functions such as luncheons. For a more polished, professional appearance, it is required that students wear appropriate hosiery/socks.

Professional Dress Code

All Sessions, Competitive Events, Elections, Workshops, and Awarded Ceremonies
(Select from the following)

Women

Pant or skirt suit
Dress skirt or dress slacks with coordinated blouse and/or sweater
Business professional “dress”
DECA blazer with dress skirt or dress slacks and blouse or sweater

Men

Dress slacks, dress shirt, and tie
Suit, dress shirt, and tie
Sports Coat, coordinated dress slacks, dress shirt, and tie
DECA blazer, with dress slacks, dress shirt, and tie

Dress shoes or appropriate sandals are required with all of the above

Dress shoes and dress socks are required with all of the above.

DECA Business Casual

Casual slacks (e.g. Docker style), blouse or collared shirt, casual shoes. Jeans, t-shirts and athletic shoes are **NOT** permitted.

This excludes all denim for any of the above (both men and women).

The following are 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
- cut-offs or ragged clothing

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.