



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 DISCRECTION 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

-Athletic clothing or swimwear

-Midriff-baring 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 & hiking boots.

Conduct Code

Participation in NC DECA activities provides an opportunity for students to interact with adult DECA supporters from business and industry, fellow members and the general public. As a result of establishing a positive, professional image, many businesses, civic organizations and individuals provide financial and human resources to DECA and its members. Should you have a question concerning what constitutes acceptable behavior, ask your advisor prior to making a decision. Maintain DECA's reputation! The following Conduct Code is enforced at all DECA functions.

Level One Violations: The following have been identified as extremely serious violations of the NC DECA Conduct Code:

1. Violation of any city, state or federal law.
2. Possession, consumption, transporting or purchasing of any alcoholic beverage or illegal drug. If alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs or evidence of their use are found in a hotel room, all occupants of that room will be subject to the penalties prescribed below.
3. Defacing, damaging or stealing public or private property.
4. Failure to attend conference activities, including competitive events, general sessions, and special meetings.
5. Males in female's room or females in male's room without an open door and permission of a chapter advisor/chaperone.
6. Missing curfew by more than 15 minutes. Curfew means being in your assigned room with the door closed and quiet. If you are not staying in the hotel, curfew means you have left the hotel grounds by the stated time.
7. Throwing any objects from a hotel window, balcony or vehicle.
8. Inviting or having unregistered individuals in your hotel room or at a conference activity.
9. Rudeness or insubordination.
10. Dishonesty of any kind on competitive events to include cheating, plagiarism or lying.
11. Repeated occurrences of Level 2 violations.
12. Violations not mentioned; as identified by the advisor, chaperone, staff, and/or school official.

Level One Penalties:

1. Expulsion from the conference.
2. Notification of parent or guardian.
3. Notification of school official.
4. Student and parent/guardian must immediately arrange and pay for alternative travel plans to return home.
5. Forfeiture of awards, scholarship, grants and future opportunities to participate in NC DECA activity.
6. Student shall refund any funds provided by NC DECA supporting participation in the conference or activities.
7. Other penalties at the discretion of the advisor, chaperone, school official, or state staff.

Level Two Violations: Less serious violations, but if repeated violations occur the student may be subject to penalties similar to those prescribed for Level 1.

1. Failure to follow the above NC DECA Dress Code as described above.
2. Smoking in public during the conference.
3. Failure to wear identification badges during the conference.
4. Tardiness to conference activities. If tardy by 30 minutes or more, a Level 1 penalty applies.
5. Leaving the conference site without the knowledge of your advisor or chaperone.
6. Missing curfew by less than 15 minutes and by not being in your assigned room with the door closed and quiet.
7. Disturbing other hotel guests by excessive noise, door slamming, etc. which results in a complaint to hotel management. Two complaints result in a Level 1 penalty for all occupants of the room or facility.
8. Violations not mentioned above, at discretion of advisor, chaperone, state staff or school official.

Level Two Penalties:

1. Disqualification from competition and/or conference.
2. Verbal and written warning and immediate compliance with conference rules.
3. Notification of chapter advisor and state staff.
4. Repeat violations or another violation of a Level 2 Code may result in Level 1 penalties.

Please Note: All dress and conduct code rules will be enforced by individual's local advisors, Board of Director Chairpersons, NC DECA Advisor or any Marketing Education state staff member.