

NORTH CAROLINA DECA DRESS CODE

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

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

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

WHEN APPEARING BEFORE JUDGES OR DECA GENERAL SESSIONS

FEMALES: Business suit or blazer with dress blouse and dress skirt or dress slacks or business dress; dress shoes

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

DECA ATTIRE FOR LOCAL DISTRICT EVENT/S (AT DISRECTION 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 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.

UNACCEPTABLE DURING DECA ACTIVITIES

- Skin-tight or revealing clothing • Midriff-baring clothing
- Leggings or graphic designed hosiery/tights • Athletic clothing • Swimwear
- Clothing with printing that is suggestive, obscene or promotes illegal substances



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.