

Each Chapter Advisor **MUST** discuss the Code of Conduct and Dress Code with their chapter members prior to any DECA Competition or Conference. Each student registering for any DECA event is acknowledging and accepts all the requirements for the Code of Conduct and Dress Code. Please see the website for a comprehensive Code of Conduct.

## UNACCEPTABLE BUSINESS ATTIRE

- Student is not in business attire
- No name badge/name badge not visible/no wristband
- No dress shirt and/or tie
- Clothing with printing that is suggestive, obscene, promotes illegal substances
- Inappropriate pants; cargo style; denim of any colour
- Socks (white sport socks, sockettes of any colour)
- School crest/insignia visible
- Bandanas, hat, sunglasses
- Inappropriate skirt length; must be no greater than 1" above knee-length at all times (skirt cannot 'ride up' while walking – choose material carefully)
- Inappropriate shoes (running shoes of any colour, sneakers, casual shoes, non-dress shoes, sandals, flip-flops, UGGS, EMUs, Birkenstocks, etc.)
- No active wear (yoga wear, Lululemon, etc.)
- No exposed shoulders, Skin-tight or revealing clothing, Midriff-baring clothing, backless tops, 'streetwear'

## ACCEPTABLE BUSINESS ATTIRE

### Females

- Blazer/business suit with dress blouse or skirt/dress slacks with dress blouse or dress sweater or business dress with stockings (bare legs acceptable)
- Skirt or dress <1" above knee
- Dress shoes (open toed acceptable)
- Hair off the face (eyes visible)

### Males

- Business suit with collared dress shirt and necktie
- Sport coat/dress slacks, collared shirt and necktie
- Dark coloured socks
- Dark coloured business shoes

Wearing a blazer or jacket, for both males and females, is recommended, but is strictly optional. We recommend that females wear pants but if they choose to wear skirts/dresses, then refer to chart above for guidelines. It should be understood that all "appropriate business attire" is clean and pressed.

As per the September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2002 Annual General Meeting, students will NOT be permitted to wear school uniforms at a Competition. This includes school-crested blazers or shirts; ANY clothing that may identify your school will NOT be permitted. For competition purposes during the Orals only, DECA blazers will NOT be allowed.

## UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

- Use of abusive or profane language
- Defacing of public property; vandalism
- Verbal or physical harassment
- Smoking on hotel property, walking barefoot, swimwear in public areas
- Substance abuse and use (drugs, alcohol, etc.)
- Inappropriate assembly behaviour during Awards Ceremonies on/off stage
- Cheating or plagiarism
- Opposition to authority
- Overnight accommodation at an unapproved DECA property
- Curfew violations

## ACCEPTABLE CODE OF CONDUCT

- Identification badge will be visible and worn at **ALL** times
- The dress code will be in effect during competition hours 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on floors where events are taking place
- Tasteful casual wear will be accepted during specific social functions as designated during orientation sessions (only if applicable)

Students who violate the Dress Code or Code of Conduct will be issued an infraction notice. The severity of the infraction will determine the consequences ranging from a 10 and 25-point penalty, removal from the premises, or police charges.

**Reminder:** Curfew for DECA students is **10:30 p.m.** on Thursday and Friday nights. Any food deliveries must be delivered by 10:00 p.m. in accordance with curfew. Any deliveries to the hotel after 10:00 p.m. are considered a curfew violation and will be subject to a 25-point deduction (assessed to the role play).

Curfew violations almost always result in loss of Chapter LDA spots for ICDC and may include Chapter suspensions for the following year. In all likelihood, any point penalty will either limit or altogether eliminate a student's eligibility of qualifying.

We hope that this clarifies the Code of Conduct and Dress Code, and all students and advisors will adhere to the code at any Conference or Competition. No student or chapter will be allowed to book accommodation outside the DECA block. Each student registering for any DECA event is acknowledging and accepts all the requirements for the Dress Code and Code of Conduct.