

ECA Code of Conduct & Dress Code

Each Chapter Advisor <u>MUST</u> 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

- No name badge/name badge not visible/no wristband
- Clothing with printing that is suggestive, obscene, promotes illegal substances
- Inappropriate pants; cargo style; denim of any colour
- Socks (white sport socks)
- School crest/insignia visible
- Bandanas, hat, sunglasses
- Inappropriate skirt length: must be always no greater than 1" above kneelength (skirt cannot 'ride up' while walking choose material carefully)
- Inappropriate shoes (athletic 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

- Blazer/sport coat/business suit with dress blouse, collared dress shirt
- necktie (optional but preferred)
- skirt/dress slacks with dress blouse or dress sweater or business dress with stockings (bare legs acceptable)
- Skirt or dress <1" above knee
- Coloured dress socks
- Coloured dress business shoes
- Dress shoes (open toed acceptable)

Attire is to be 'clean and neat'.

Wearing a blazer or jacket, is recommended, but is strictly optional. Wearing pants is recommended but if delegates choose to wear skirts/dresses, the one-inch guidelines will strictly be enforced; refer to chart above. All "appropriate business attire" is clean and pressed.

As per the September 27th, 2002, Annual General Meeting, students will NOT be permitted to wear school uniforms at a Competition. This includes school-crested blazers or shirts or ANY clothing that may identify your school. 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
- Students should not bring items on stage, including but not limited to, cell phones, school banners or insignia, flags, etc.
- Cheating or plagiarism
- Use of inappropriate materials during competition (i.e., coloured pens/ markers, cardstock paper, etc)
- 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 is acceptable 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. 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 registered for any DECA event, acknowledges and accepts all requirements in the Ontario DECA Code of Conduct and Dress Code.