

ICDC QUALIFICATIONS

1. All participants must be active members of DECA with the current year's dues on file with DECA Inc. prior to February 15 of the current school year.
2. All participants and written entries must be approved and authorized for entering competition by their chartered association through official competitive events registration forms.
3. All participants and written entries must meet the specifications set forth for each activity.
4. All participants must have participated in chartered association, district and/or local competition, or qualified through online competition.
5. All entry forms and creative entries must be submitted by the chartered association advisor or designee according to announced deadlines.
6. A participant may enter only one of the competitive events with a participatory component during DECA's International Career Development Conference.
7. No additions or substitutions may be registered for competition after the deadline set forth by DECA Inc.
8. A written entry may not be entered in more than one ICDC competitive event during a given year.
9. Once a written entry is entered in ICDC competition, the identical content material may not be entered in ICDC competition again.
10. All participants must attend the briefing sessions scheduled for their competitive event during ICDC.
11. Participants are required to follow the official DECA dress code outlined on this page.
12. All written entries must include a signed copy of DECA's Written Event Statement of Assurances and Academic Integrity (page 61).
13. Participants must bring a photo ID to all event briefings, testing sessions and presentations. If a photo ID is not available, an advisor must verify the participant's identity.

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 genders.

DECA's board of directors has developed the following official dress standards for the International Career Development Conference. Students, advisors and chaperones must follow the dress code.

Competitors must wear an official DECA blazer during interaction with the judges. While official DECA blazers are not required during briefing and testing, professional business dress is required. Professional dress should also be worn to all conference sessions including workshops and special meal functions such as luncheons.

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

All skirts and dresses must be at or below the knee.

AN OFFICIAL DECA BLAZER IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE RECOGNITION OR AN AWARD ON STAGE.

WHEN APPEARING BEFORE JUDGES AND ON-STAGE

- Official DECA blazer
- Dress slacks or dress skirt or business dress
- Collared dress shirt and appropriate neckwear or dress blouse
- Dress shoes

DECA GENERAL SESSIONS, MEAL FUNCTIONS, EVENT BRIEFING AND TESTING

- Business suit or sport coat or blazer (blazer optional)
- Dress slacks, dress skirt or business dress
- Collared dress shirt, dress blouse or dress sweater
- Dress shoes
- Necktie/scarf/ascot (optional)

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
- Swimwear
- Athletic 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 and hiking boots.

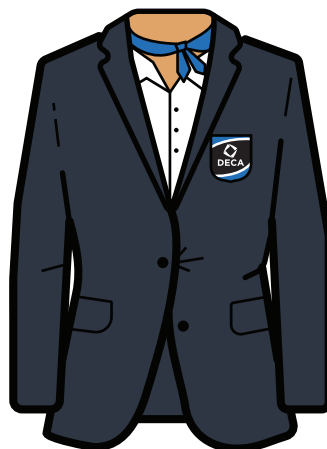
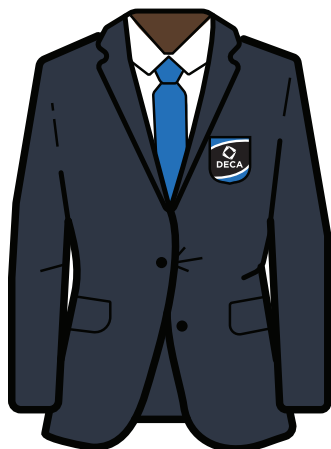
When judging adherence to the dress code, DECA directs advisors, teachers and chaperones to use observation as the tool for assessing compliance. It is inappropriate to touch a student or their clothing as a means of determining adherence to the dress code. DECA members who are not appropriately dressed will have a reasonable opportunity to meet the dress code prior to seeing a judge or being allowed on stage.



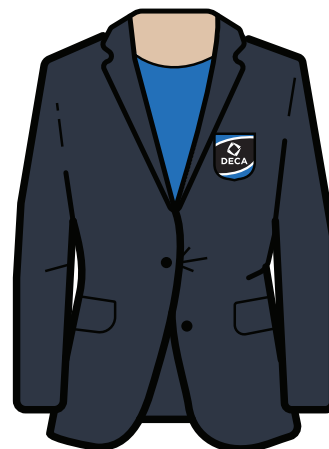
DRESS TO IMPRESS

DRESS CODE WHEN APPEARING BEFORE JUDGES AND ON-STAGE AT ICDC

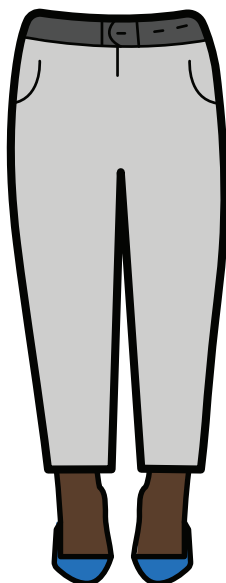
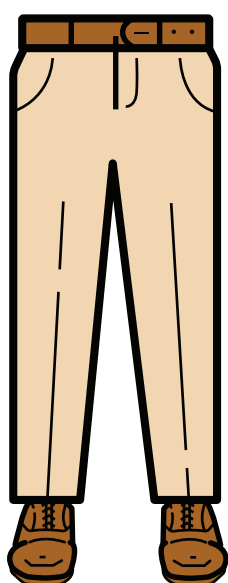
OFFICIAL DECA BLAZER WITH
COLLARED DRESS SHIRT & APPROPRIATE NECKWEAR



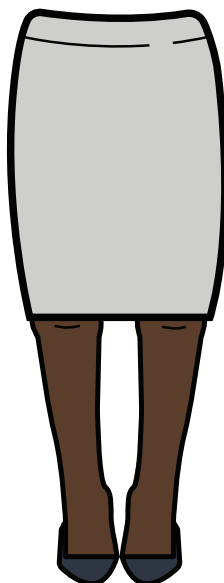
OFFICIAL DECA BLAZER WITH
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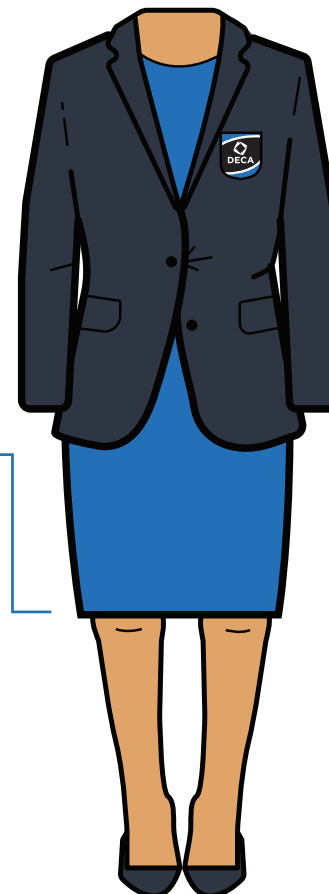
DRESS SLACKS



DRESS SKIRT

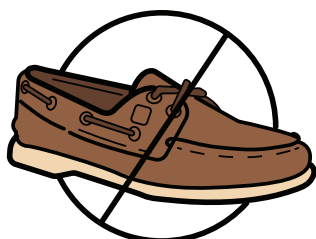


OFFICIAL DECA BLAZER WITH
BUSINESS DRESS



ALL SKIRTS
& DRESSES
MUST BE AT
OR BELOW
THE KNEE.

DRESS SHOES



BOAT SHOES ARE
UNACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR.