



# STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



CEDAR RAPIDS | MARCH 24-26, 2024

## Dress Code

Projecting a professional image is vital for business leaders to demonstrate respect for clients, colleagues, and others. This policy is to provide guidance for conference attendees—students, advisers, and guests. Professional business attire is required at all general sessions, competitive events, exhibits, meetings, workshops, and other activities unless otherwise indicated in conference materials.

Conference name badges are considered part of the dress code and must be worn at all conference functions. For safety reasons, do not wear conference badges outside of the conference area. The dress code is gender neutral. The National FBLA dress code can be found at [www.fbla.org/dresscode](http://www.fbla.org/dresscode)

### Business Professional Attire

Attendees should follow the National FBLA Dress Code for the following sessions and activities.

- General Sessions
- Workshops
- Competitive Events
- Common Areas of the Conference Center

### Casual Attire

Clothing should be appropriate for a professional conference during the following conference sessions and activities.

- Community Service Activities
- Entertainment and Social Activities
- Common Areas of the Hotel

No dress code can cover all contingencies, so FBLA members must use a certain amount of judgment in their choice of clothing to wear. Members who experience uncertainty about unacceptable attire should ask their local adviser, state leader, or conference staff.

FBLA recognizes that exceptions may need to be made and will work with advisers on a case-by-case basis to accommodate requests. Advisers should indicate the need for exceptions on the accommodation portion of the registration. Requests made after registration closes must be made in writing.

### Unacceptable Items

The following items are prohibited in all conference areas, including competitive events.

- Denim or flannel clothing
- Shorts
- Athletic clothing
- Leggings or graphically designed hosiery/tights
- Skintight or revealing clothing, including tank tops, spaghetti straps, and short skirts or dresses more than 1" above the knee
- Swimwear
- Flip flops or casual sandals
- Athletic shoes
- Industrial work shoes
- Hiking boots
- Hats
- Graphically printed clothing



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## Acceptable Items



### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

#### BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

##### Business Suit

- Suit pants and jacket
- Blouse (or) collared dress shirt
- Neckwear such as tie or scarf
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

##### Blazer

- Dress pants, including khakis, (or) dress (or) skirt
- Blazer
- Blouse (or) collared dress shirt
- Neckwear such as tie or scarf
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

##### Dress

- A business dress
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

##### Other Professional

- Dress pants, including khakis, (or) skirt
- Blouse (or) collared dress shirt
- Neckwear such as tie or scarf
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

#### BUSINESS CASUAL

- Dress pants, skirt, (or) khakis/chino-style pants
- Blouse, collared dress shirt, (or) polo shirt
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

*NOTE: Business Casual is only permitted during sessions specifically noted in conference materials.*

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