



# ICDC QUALIFICATIONS AND DRESS CODE

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTERING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COMPETITIVE EVENTS

1. All participants must be active members of DECA with the current year's dues on file with DECA Inc. prior to March 1 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 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 international conference competitive event during a given year.
9. Once a written entry is entered in international conference competition, the identical content material may not be entered in international conference competition again.
10. All participants must attend the briefing sessions scheduled for their competitive event during the international conference.
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 55).
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.

## ICDC 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.

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.

**An official DECA blazer is required to receive recognition/an award on stage.**

## WHEN APPEARING BEFORE JUDGES

**FEMALES:** Official DECA blazer with dress skirt or dress slacks and a dress blouse or official blazer with a dress; dress shoes

**MALES:** Official DECA blazer with dress slacks, collared dress shirt and necktie; dress shoes and dress socks

## DECA GENERAL SESSIONS, MEAL FUNCTIONS

**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

## EVENT BRIEFING, MANUAL REGISTRATION AND TESTING, LEADERSHIP ACADEMIES/INSTITUTES

**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
- Swimwear
- Leggings or graphic designed hosiery/tights
- Athletic clothing
- 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.*