

Georgia FBLA Dress Code

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The Georgia FBLA Board of Directors has adopted a dress code that will be effective for the 2014 Fall Leadership Conference, 2015 Region Leadership Conference, and 2015 State Leadership Conference. All advisers are expected to share the dress code with their students and take responsibility for making sure their students follow the dress code when at a conference.

All delegates and advisers are expected to wear business attire to general sessions, competitive events, campaigning, and workshops. Competitive event participants will be disqualified if not dressed properly. Conference participants will not be allowed to participate in conference activities if not dressed properly. Georgia FBLA will attempt to monitor dress code at all conference activities. However, advisers are responsible for ensuring that students who attend the conferences are aware and follow the dress code prior to entering any conference function or activity.

By signing the Adviser Assurance Form, you, as the adviser, are accountable for your students' conduct and dress at the conferences listed above. Event administrators will be asked to enforce the dress code. If questions arise, a member of the board of directors will make the final decision.

Local advisers are expected to follow as well as enforce the dress code for their students.

Georgia FBLA Dress Code for Females

The following *is* considered *appropriate* business dress for meetings, workshops, competition, and general sessions:

- **Business Suit/Business Pantsuit** – A coordinated jacket may accompany a skirt or ankle-length pants. An appropriate skirt length is 1" to 2" above the knee or longer. (2" is approximately three fingers side by side). Skirts that end higher than 2" above the knee are not acceptable.
- **Business Dress** – An appropriate dress length is 1" to 2" above the knee or longer. (2" is approximately three fingers side by side.) The dress must have some type of a sleeve. Sleeveless dresses are NOT appropriate unless a jacket is worn at all times.
- **Skirt/Pants and Blouse** – An appropriate skirt length is 1" to 2" above the knee or longer. (2" is approximately three fingers side by side.) Skirts that end higher than 2" above the knee are not acceptable. Blouse must have some type of sleeve if worn without a jacket. A t-shirt is not acceptable as a blouse. Sleeveless blouses must always be worn with a jacket or suit. A two-piece sweater set with a skirt or pants would be appropriate. A business skirt may have a slit, but this slit may not be more than 2" above the knee. *If pants are worn, a jacket or blazer must also be worn.*
- **Dress Shoes** – Shoes may have EITHER an open toe or slingback, but *not both*. Slingback shoes that have an open toe hole larger than a penny are not appropriate. Slingback shoes must always have a strap around the heel. Dress boots will be allowed with pants (boots must be worn under the pants) and long skirts (skirt must be below the knee and long enough to cover or meet the boot). The following are examples of inappropriate types of shoes for females: flip flops, thongs, sandals, slides, clogs, athletic shoes, hiking boots, industrial work shoes, house shoes, and bare feet.

Be careful when selecting your conference attire. The follow is inappropriate conference attire for meetings, workshops, competitive events, campaigning, awards programs, and general sessions and when walking around the conference hotel lobby, elevators, and restaurants: jewelry in visible body piercing, other than ears • denim or chambray fabric clothing of any kind • overalls • shorts • skorts • capri pants without a matching suit jacket • gauchos • crop pants • stretch or stirrup pants • exercise or bike shorts • backless, see-through, tight-fitting, halter or low-cut blouses/tops/dresses • t-shirts • lycra • spandex • midriff tops • tank tops • bathing suits • hats • flannel fabric clothing • visible undergarments • sandals of any kind • tennis shoes • pajama pants or shirts.

Jeans (with no frays or holes) and t-shirts are acceptable when not attending meetings, workshops, awards programs, or competitive events and when walking around the hotel/conference site.

Georgia FBLA Dress Code for Males

The following *is* considered *appropriate* business dress for meetings, workshops, competition, and general sessions:

- **Dress Shirt, Dress Pants, and Necktie** – A dress shirt buttons from top to bottom and has a collar. Knit or polo style shirts are inappropriate. Shirts made of denim or chambray or Hawaiian/flower print are inappropriate. Pants must be accompanied by a dress belt, suspenders, or braces. Cargo, painter, or carpenter pants are inappropriate. Dress pants must be neat without stains, frays, or holes. Pants must sit at the waist and may not drag on the floor. Dress pants should not have more than five pockets. A necktie IS mandatory.
- **Men's Business Suit** – Dress shirt, dress pants, and suit jacket made of the same fabric. A necktie IS mandatory.
- **Men's Business Sport Coat** – Dress shirt, dress pants, and sport coat made of different fabric than pants. A necktie IS mandatory.
- **Dress Socks** – Athletic socks are inappropriate.
- **Dress Shoes or Dress Boots** – Acceptable shoes include but are not limited to oxfords, captoe, wingtip, dress loafers. The following are examples of inappropriate types of shoes: flip flops, thongs, sandals, athletic shoes, industrial work shoes, hiking boots, mules, clogs, work boots, Birkenstock-style shoes, house shoes, and bare feet.

Be careful when selecting your conference attire. The follow is inappropriate conference attire for meetings, workshops, competitive events, campaigning, awards programs, and general sessions and when walking around the conference hotel lobby, elevators, and restaurants: visible body piercing • denim or chambray fabric clothing of any kind • overalls • shorts • exercise or bike shorts • t-shirts • lycra • spandex • muscle shirts • tank tops • bathing suits • hats • flannel fabric clothing • visible undergarments • sandals of any kind • tennis shoes • pajama pants or shirts.

Jeans (with no frays or holes) and t-shirts are acceptable when not attending meetings, workshops, awards programs, or competitive events and when walking around the hotel/conference site.