



California FBLA-PBL, Inc.

Board of Directors

Official Conference Dress Code, Approved January 2003

DRESS CODE FOR MEMBERS, ADVISERS, AND GUESTS

The purpose of the dress code is to uphold the professional image of the association and its members and to prepare students for the business world. Professional attire is required for all attendees at all general sessions, competitive events, section meetings, workshops, and other activities unless stated otherwise in the conference program. Conference nametags are part of the dress code and must be worn at all times while participating in conference activities.

The purpose of the FBLA-PBL Dress Code Policy is to describe in detail and spirit the professional and polished look of members and advisers. While the policy may not cover every fashion trend and detail, FBLA-PBL reserves the right to determine dress code eventualities and interpretations.

PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE

Appropriate male attire.

- Business suit with collared dress shirt, and necktie; or a Sport coat, dress slacks, collared shirt, and necktie; or Dress slacks, collared shirt, and necktie.
- Banded collared shirt may be worn only if sport coat or business suit is worn.
- Dress shoes and socks are required.

Appropriate female attire.

- Business suit; or a Business pantsuit; or a Skirt or dress slacks with blouse or sweater; or a Business dress.
- Dress shoes and nylons are required.

BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

Appropriate male attire:

- Polo or collared shirt
- Casual slacks (e.g. Dockers; no denim or shorts)
- Leather loafers or dressy slip-ons (no athletic shoes, flip flops, or canvas shoes)
- Patterned or solid-colored socks

Appropriate female attire:

- Polo or collared shirt or sweater
- Casual slacks (e.g. Dockers; no denim or shorts), or a skirt
- Sandals, slides, boots, flats, or mid-heel shoes

INAPPROPRIATE ATTIRE

For both men and women:

- Jewelry in visible body piercing, other than ears
- Denim or chambray fabric clothing of any kind, e.g. overalls, shorts, skorts, stretch or stirrup pants, exercise or bike shorts.
- Backless, see-through, tight-fitting, spaghetti straps, strapless, extremely short, or low-cut blouses/tops/dresses/skirts.
- Sandals, athletic shoes, industrial work shoes, hiking boots, bare feet, or over-the-knee boots.
- Athletic wear, including sneakers.
- Hats or flannel fabric clothing.
- Bolo ties.
- Visible foundation garments.

CASUAL ATTIRE may be worn for specified conference events. Cut-off jeans, spandex or Lycra garments, midriff tops, and bathing suits are not appropriate casual attire. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times.

For the **Awards Session**, it is appropriate to wear either the regular conference attire, or semi-formal or formal wear.

Fashion note: Many new fashions are not appropriate conference attire. Use common sense and be conservative rather than cutting-edge. If you have any doubt about the appropriateness of your attire, find something else to wear.