

## **FBLA-PBL Dress Code**

FBLA-PBL members and advisers should develop an awareness of the image one's appearance projects. 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.

Appropriate attire is required for all attendees—advisers, members, and guests—at all general sessions, competitive events, regional meetings, workshops, and other activities unless otherwise stated in the conference program. Conference name badges are part of this dress code and must be worn for all conference functions. For safety reasons, do not wear name badges when touring.

### **Professional attire acceptable for official FBLA-PBL activities includes:**

#### **Males**

- Business suit with collared shirt, and necktie (shirts must be tucked in/belts must be worn if pants have loops)
- Sport coat, dress slacks, collared shirt and necktie
- Dress slacks, collared shirt, and necktie
- Business suit or sport coat with dress slacks and banded collar shirt
- Sweater or sweater vest, collared shirt with necktie, and dress slacks
- Dress socks and dress shoes (no white socks)
- Dress socks and dress Doc Marten style shoes (Not sandals, boots, or other shoes with heavy soles)

#### **Females**

- Business suit with blouse or sweater, sleeveless suit is appropriate (shirts must be tucked in/belts must be worn if pants have loops)
- Business pantsuit with blouse or sweater
- Skirt or dress slacks with buttoned-up blouse or sweater
- Business dress
- Capris or gauchos with coordinating jacket/suit, worn below the knee, with nylons
- Dress shoes
- Nylons when wearing skirts and dresses

### **Inappropriate attire, for both men and women, includes:**

- Jewelry in visible body piercing, other than ears
- Hair dyed an unnatural color
- Cargo pocket or zip-off pants
- Jean-style khaki pants, capris or skirt, or other pants or skirts with pockets sewn on the outside
- Denim, canvas, flannel, or chambray fabric
- Backless, see-through, tight-fitting, spaghetti strapped, strapless, or low-cut blouses/tops/dresses
- Dress t-shirts (Sweaters and blouses are only appropriate)
- Clothing that shows any midriff skin
- Skirts shorter than 2 inches above the knee
- T-shirts, spandex, tank tops, bathing suits
- Blouses that are not buttoned appropriately
- Sandals, flip flops, athletic shoes, work shoes, hiking boots, bare feet, or over-the-knee boots
- Athletic wear—including sneakers
- Hats or flannel clothing
- Bolo ties
- Visible foundation garments

**CLARIFICATION:** MANY WOMEN'S TWO-PIECE SUITS ARE CURRENTLY DESIGNED SO THAT THEY DO NOT REQUIRE A BLOUSE. THEREFORE, THIS WILL BE ACCEPTED. IN ADDITION, SLING-BACK SHOES, OPEN-TOE SHOES, AND SLEEVELESS DRESSES/SUITS ARE ACCEPTED.

### **Business casual attire acceptable for official FBLA-PBL activities includes:**

#### **Males**

- Dress slacks, collared shirt, no necktie necessary (shirts must be tucked in/belts must be worn if pants have loops)
- Polo shirts with the FBLA-PBL logo on it are acceptable
- Sweaters would be acceptable
- Dress socks and dress shoes (no white socks)

#### **Females**

- Dress slacks or skirt, blouse or sweater (shirts must be tucked in/belts must be worn if pants have loops)
- Polo shirts with the FBLA-PBL logo on it are acceptable
- Dress shoes with stockings (if wearing a skirt)

**Inappropriate** attire would include anything listed above, particularly jean-style khaki or corduroy pants/skirts with pockets sewn on the outside.