

Business Professionals of America Michigan Association

DRESS CODE

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. Advisors must teach members about professional dress and should expect members to adhere to the following: *Business Professionals of America approved attire must be worn at all conferences by all conference attendees—advisors, members, and guests—at all BPA sessions unless otherwise stated. Name badges are part of the dress code and must be worn at all times.* The following items constitute approved attire.



Professional Dress for all assessment events, opening session/parade of presidents, annual business meeting, legacy launchers, campaign rally, dinner session, dance, and awards session. **Professional Dress** must also be worn for all events at all conferences (fall, regional, state, and national) unless stated otherwise below.

Gentlemen are required to wear dress shoes and dress socks with the following:

- * Suit, dress shirt, and tie
- * Sport coat, coordinated dress slacks, dress shirt, and tie
- * Dress slacks, dress shirt, and tie
- * Shirt and/or sweater and slacks (tie required)

Ladies are required to wear dress shoes with the following:

- * Business suit or business dress
- * Skirt with coordinated blouse and/or sweater
- * Dress slacks with coordinated blouse and/or sweater
- * Coordinated slack outfit
- * Skirts and dresses must be no shorter than two inches (2") above the knee
- * Shoe heels must be three inches (3") or shorter
- * Open-toed shoes are allowed but be cautious about wearing shoes that are too casual



Business Casual for shopping, eating, free time, and the SLC Thursday evening event.

Ladies And Gentlemen may not wear items listed under **Unapproved Attire** at any time; however, they may choose to wear the following for shopping, eating, free time, and the SLC Thursday evening event:

- * Business casual slacks including khakis or chinos
- * Business casual shirts including golf shirts or polo shirts
- * Business casual shoes including loafers and oxfords



Formal Attire, including tuxedos and formal gowns with formal dress shoes, for the dinner session and dance is optional. If an individual does not choose to wear formal attire, Professional Dress (as defined above) is required.

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★ **Dance** requirements are in addition to the dress requirements stated above.

Attendees must wear shoes at all times. During the dance, casual or dress shoes, which includes sandals and athletic shoes, may be worn during the dance only. Flip-flops or thong shoes are not allowed during the dance. At no other time are sandals or athletic shoes allowed. The following also applies to the dance:

- * Shirts must remain on, buttoned, and tucked in at all times
- * Dresses must not be too revealing and must be no shorter than two inches (2") above the knee
- * No see-through material allowed
- * No exaggerated plunging necklines
- * Dresses may be backless, as long as they are not cut below the waist line

NO! Unapproved Attire at all times. (See travel to/from pool below.)

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| ✓ blue jeans | ✓ lycra | ✓ halter tops | ✓ sandals |
| ✓ colored jeans | ✓ spandex | ✓ tube tops | ✓ athletic shoes* |
| ✓ corduroys | ✓ yoga pants/ leggings | ✓ ragged clothes | ✓ hiking boots |
| ✓ cargo pants | ✓ t-shirts | ✓ athletic wear | ✓ thong shoes |
| ✓ overalls | ✓ midriff tops | ✓ hats/caps | ✓ slippers |
| ✓ shorts/skorts | ✓ tank tops | ✓ coats | ✓ bare feet |
| ✓ cutoffs | | | |

*Items with an asterisk are allowed during the state leadership conference dance only.

Low cut and tight blouses, shirts, or sweaters, and bare midriffs are not acceptable attire.

Clothing with sayings depicting violence, obscenities, drugs, alcohol, and tobacco is prohibited.

Visible body piercing, other than ears, and tattoos that show are prohibited. Traditional ear piercing is approved for ladies (no more than 2 earrings per ear) and gentlemen (no more than 1 earring per ear). No piercing of eyebrows, lips, tongues, noses, chins, etc., is allowed.

Attire that is extremely revealing is not acceptable. Modesty is the key. New fashion trends may be in style but may not be appropriate. The best choice is to avoid walking the line. If there is a doubt, select something else to wear. Be a business professional.

During the state leadership conference:

- Students must be fully clothed when going to and from the pool. Sports attire with appropriate shoes (no thong shoes or flip-flops or bare feet) may be worn only when visiting or leaving the pool. Students may wear their bathing suits underneath their clothes and leave their clothes poolside by their towel. Towels are to be carried; NO towels may worn around one's body.
- On Thursday only, students will be allowed to wear attire from the Business Casual category if coordinated with a Business Professionals of America shirt (t-shirt, Henley t-shirt, long-sleeve t-shirt, polo shirt, sweatshirt, etc.). Jeans are not allowed.
- Dress or casual shoes, which includes athletic shoes, may be worn during the dance only. Flip-flops or thong shoes are not allowed during the dance. At no other time are athletic shoes allowed.

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