

Virginia FCCLA Dress Code

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FCCLA is one of the career-technical student organizations sponsored by the Department of Education for the purpose of preparing youth for career success. Specifically, FCCLA prepares students for the multiple roles of family member, wage earner, and community leader. Therefore, an important part of the educational experiences provided by FCCLA includes developing an understanding of appropriate behavior and dress for business meetings and functions.

Please note that the national FCCLA organization has a dress code policy for all events and activities at the national level that must be followed for the National Leadership Conference, National Fall Conference, Capitol Leadership, and national competitive events. Please check the national website (www.fcclainc.org) for a copy of their dress code.

The Dress Code provided here is for events sponsored by Virginia FCCLA. Appropriate mitigation strategies, including face masks, may be required for a specific event as determined by the Board of Directors.

Type of Event (Examples)	Examples of Appropriate Attire	
<p>Business Casual: <u>State conference sessions and workshops</u>; STAR Events recognition; STAR Events presentations unless the specific event rules chef attire</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Business-style shirt such as a polo, button-up, shell, blouse, or sweater with <u>optional</u> neck tie, scarf, or professional neckwear ● Business-style pants, skirts, or dresses <u>at or below the knee</u> in length (due to the active nature of many of our events, wearing pants is strongly encouraged) ● Business-style shoes (non-athletic) ● <i>No denim is allowed in any article of business casual attire</i> 	
<p>Professional: Meetings with community or business leaders and other functions when representing FCCLA in an official capacity; FCCLA banquet and gala</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professional suit with professional shirt/blouse; optional professional neckwear ● Professional jacket with a dress shirt/blouse and dress pants or a skirt/dress (no denim) ● Professional shirt with neck tie, scarf, or professional neckwear; dress pants or skirt (at or below the knee in length) ● Dress shoes (non-athletic) ● <i>No denim is allowed in any article of professional attire</i> 	
<p>Formal Attire: FCCLA conference banquet and gala</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professional/business attire listed above or tuxedo ● Formal or semi-formal dress with straps (at or <u>below the knee</u> in length); no visible cleavage; no bare back below the waist may be showing) ● <i>No denim is allowed in any article of formal attire</i> 	
<p>Casual: Travel to and from FCCLA functions, recreational tours, theme parks, the State Fair, and similar casual activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Longer-length shorts (at the knee <u>preferred</u>) ● <u>Neat pants (e.g. jeans or athletic/yoga wear with no holes or frayed edges)</u> ● T-shirts or other casual shirts (no inappropriate language or graphics) ● Casual or athletic-style jackets ● Casual or athletic footwear 	
<p>Pool Attire: Pertains to national meeting functions when swimming is permitted</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conservative swimsuit (one-piece or moderately cut two-piece) ● Bathing suit cover and shoes must be worn to and from pool area ● No speedos, skimpy bikinis, or thong-type bathing suits 	<p><i>Note: Swimming is not permitted during the <u>state conference</u>.</i></p>

Always Appropriate Attire:

The official FCCLA uniform jacket and neckwear are available through the national FCCLA supplier(s). They are not required for Virginia FCCLA events but are always appropriate.

Always Inappropriate Attire:

The following should **not** be worn to any FCCLA activity, including in the hotel hallways and lobby:

- Clothing or accessories which are sexually suggestive, advertise drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products, or display profanity
- Spaghetti straps; strapless or low-cut blouses/shirts/dresses, see-through or tight-fitting clothing
- Skirt, dress, or shorts that are above the knee while standing
- Pants or skirts which are worn below the hip bone; no undergarments may be showing
- Spandex, short shorts, cutoffs, or pajamas
- Clothing which is stained, torn, or ripped
- Flip-flops, except with casual or pool attire
- Bare feet

Remember, the image of FCCLA depends on the professional behavior and appearance of its members.