

**PA FBLA--Bruce Boncal**

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**To:** adviserlist@mailman.intradatechnologies.com  
**Subject:** [Adviserlist] SLC Alert #02-- Important Dress Code Information--Please Review with Your SLC Attendees (Students and Adults)  
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Dear FBLA Advisers and Members

**The following information about the dress code applies to both students AND advisers/guests/chaperones. Adults are expected to comply with the PA FBLA dress code too.**

Please review the dress code below. In order to avoid dress/skirt length issues, I would encourage you to have the females in your chapter wear dress pants. We will be checking dress code, and there will be measuring stations to check the length of a dress or skirt.

When we deal with a student who does not comply with the dress code, the answer many times is: “My adviser didn’t tell me about it.”

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This is the fifth year of a revised dress code that has been implemented at PA FBLA functions. Both significant changes affect the female students (and advisers) in Pennsylvania FBLA.

- 1. No off-off-the-shoulder tops are permitted.**
- 2. The length of ladies' dresses, skirts, etc., shall be no shorter than 1 inch above the top of the ladies' knees.**

We **will enforce** this dress code at all PA FBLA functions. The dress code will be in effect at the State Leadership Conference. Please take time in your chapter meetings to discuss the dress code with all members (male and female) and emphasize the changes to the ladies. There will be stations to check the length of skirts/dresses at various locations throughout the conference. **Student who violate the dress code will be turned away from PA FBLA functions and will be permitted to return, if time is permitting, when in compliance with the dress code.**

Thanks for your cooperation.

You should make sure your student members have been given the following items in print OR have been given the following links to review:

Dress Code: [http://www.pafbla.org/downloads/16-17\\_Web\\_Files/16-17\\_SLC\\_Files/17\\_SLC\\_Dress\\_Code.pdf](http://www.pafbla.org/downloads/16-17_Web_Files/16-17_SLC_Files/17_SLC_Dress_Code.pdf)

Student Guidelines: [http://www.pafbla.org/downloads/16-17\\_Web\\_Files/16-17\\_SLC\\_Files/17\\_SLC\\_Student\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.pafbla.org/downloads/16-17_Web_Files/16-17_SLC_Files/17_SLC_Student_Guidelines.pdf)

Delegate Code of Conduct: [http://www.pafbla.org/downloads/16-17\\_Web\\_Files/16-17\\_SLC\\_Files/17\\_SLC\\_Delegate\\_Code\\_of\\_Conduct.pdf](http://www.pafbla.org/downloads/16-17_Web_Files/16-17_SLC_Files/17_SLC_Delegate_Code_of_Conduct.pdf)

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The dress code approved by the PA FBLA Board of Directors for all PA FBLA functions is:

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 business attire is required for all attendees—advisers, members, and guests—for all general sessions, competitive events, caucusing, workshops, meal functions, and receptions. Attire for social functions shall be listed in the conference program. Delegates shall abide by the dress code established by the PA FBLA Board of Directors for all state functions. Delegates not adhering to the dress code shall not be admitted to the functions listed above.

**The specific dress code for all delegates shall be:**

### **Permitted for Gentlemen**

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

### **Permitted for Ladies**

- Business suit with blouse or
- Business pantsuit with blouse or
- Skirt or dress slacks with blouse or sweater or
- Business dress or
- Dress capri pants (below the knee) or dress gauchos (below the knee) with a coordinating jacket.
- Dress shoes.
- **The length of ladies' dresses, skirts, etc. shall be no shorter than 1 inch above the top of the ladies' knees.**

### **Not Permitted for Ladies and Gentlemen**

- Jewelry in visible body piercing, other than ears.
- Denim or chambray fabric clothing of any kind, overalls, shorts, skorts, stretch or stirrup pants, exercise or bike shorts.
- **Off-the shoulder**, backless, see-through, tight-fitting, spaghetti straps, strapless, or **extremely short** or low-cut blouses/tops/dresses/skirts. T-shirts, Lycra™, spandex, midriff tops, tank tops; bathing suits.
- 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.
- Cargo pants

The State Leadership Conference Tuesday evening dinner and Awards Session is considered semi-formal. Females may wish to wear long gowns/prom-type gowns, but it is not mandatory. Dress/skirt length must be no shorter than one inch above the top of the knee for the State Leadership Conference Tuesday night dinner and Awards Program. Males should wear a coat and tie.

At the State Leadership Workshop, part of the business attire requirement may be waived on Monday to allow for an "official" shirt to be worn from the waist up. Compliance with the dress code is a requirement for all other elements of dress even if wearing an "official" shirt.

Casual attire is acceptable for specific functions as listed in the program or during times when not attending specific conference functions.

New fashion trends may be in style but not necessarily appropriate. The best way to operate is to avoid walking the line. If there is doubt, select something else to wear. Be a professional.

Delegates shall wear their conference name tags **at all times** while at the conference site.

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