**Dress Code**

*Georgia HOSA has outlined 5 areas of attire for students attending events.*

- HOSA Uniform Attire
- Business Attire
- Competitive Events Attire
- HOSA Casual Attire
- HOSA Activity Night Attire

When attending a Georgia HOSA event, it is required that all attendees be in Business Attire unless otherwise noted. Please check the Advisor’s Guide for each event to ensure your students have the proper attire for all activities. The Dress Code applies not only to students, but to all conference attendees.

The final decision regarding dress code violations is at the discretion of the conference staff.

The following attire is considered in inappropriate for all attires and will not be allowed at any HOSA event:

- Clothing and accessories which are sexually suggestive, or display profanity, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products
- See-through, tight fitting, spaghetti straps, strapless, extremely short, or low-cut tops/dresses/shirts
- Pants or skirts which are worn below the hip bone or show visible undergarments
- Spandex, leggings, leotards, cutoffs, or pajamas
- Clothing which is stained, torn, or ripped
- Bare feet or bedroom type shoes
- Clothing that reveals too much cleavage, your back, your chest, your stomach or your underwear is not appropriate for HOSA delegates.

**Competitive Event’s Dress Attire**

Delegates must adhere to the Dress Code as specified in the individual competitive event guidelines for the orientation and event in which they are competing. Bonus points will be given according to the individual guidelines.

For all competitive events, five (5) bonus points will be added once per competitor and/or team to the tally sheet for appropriate dress. In team events, all team members must be properly dressed to receive the bonus points. Exceptions are as noted in the event guidelines.

- School tags, state badges or ID's must be removed or completely covered during competition.

**HOSA Activity Night Attire**

Students must wear a chapter or conference HOSA t-shirt. Shirts may not be tied around the waist or shoulders. Requiring students to wear a HOSA shirt helps us identify quickly whether or not the student is a HOSA student and helps us keep non- HOSA members from attending our dances. If a student
does not have a HOSA shirt to wear with their jeans, they must wear the HOSA Uniform Attire.

Students may wear clean jeans. Holes or cuts in them which shows skin is not acceptable. No underwear or midriffs showing at any time. Students are not allowed to roll up the pant legs on their jeans. No Capri’s, no cut-off jeans, leggings, no shorts allowed. Students must wear their HOSA conference name badge where it can be easily read.

**HOSA Casual**
Longer-length shorts (no short-shorts), capri’s, neat jeans (no holes showing skin), polo shirts, sweatshirts, HOSA or appropriate t-shirt and casual footwear such as flip-flops, tennis shoes, etc.

**Business Attire**
Conference delegate attire should be proper and appropriate since it reflects directly upon the State Association and National HOSA.

Business attire may include:
- Khaki pants and/or slacks
- Dressy pants of different lengths that are part of a suit/ensemble may be acceptable, but “shorts” are not acceptable.
- Polo Tops, Button Down Shirts (Oxfords)
- For females- tops may also include appropriate blouses and/or sweaters
- Dresses
- Denim of any type/ color is not appropriate for Business Attire
- Open-toed shoes and heeled sandals are permitted with Business Attire. Flip-flops and Toms are not.

**HOSA Uniform Attire**
Tailored navy blazer with emblem affixed over the heart.
- Shirt/blouse for females (white tailored or short-sleeve white jewel neck shell)
- Shirt for males—white closed-neck, man-tailored dress shirt, suitable for use with a tie
- Accent for female members - maroon HOSA scarf or tie is optional, but not required
- Accent for male officers - navy or maroon long tie
- Matching navy slacks for males and matching navy slacks or skirts for females
- **Closed-toe, solid** blue or black shoes (hose optional)

**OR**
- **Black or Navy blue suit with a white shirt**
- **Closed-toe, solid** blue or black shoes (hose optional)
- Male members **MUST** wear a tie.
- Female members may choose to wear **knee-length** skirt or slacks. No Dresses.

The official dress code for the **student members** for all general sessions at the FLC and SLC will be HOSA Uniform Attire. **Students** not adhering to the above dress policy for all general sessions at the
FLC and SLC will NOT be admitted. (This policy is for student delegates. All advisors, family members, chaperones and other guests must be in business attire for the General Sessions)

**Advisors and Conference Guests**
All conference attendees, including advisors, family, chaperones and guests are required to abide by dress code at Georgia HOSA Events. When attending Opening and/or Awards Sessions, non-student conference attendees must be in Business Attire, as outlined in the Georgia HOSA Dress Code. Any conference attendee not abiding by dress code will not be permitted to attend or participation in official HOSA conference activities.

**Tips for Dress Code Success:**
No dress code can cover all contingencies so HOSA members must use a certain amount of judgment in their choice of clothing to wear. HOSA members who experience uncertainty about acceptable HOSA attire should ask his/her HOSA local Advisor or Conference Staff.

**Dress Code- FAQ:**
**HOSA Uniform Attire:**
Q: Can I wear a cardigan instead of a blazer?
   A: No
Q: Can I wear a dress under my blazer, instead of a skirt/pants?
   A: No
Q: Can I wear a bow tie?
   A: While a bow-tie is not a part of the official HOSA uniform, it is acceptable with a blue or black suit.
Q: What are considered Flip Flops?
   A: Flip-flops and thong sandals are flat, backless, made of rubber or leather, plain or embellished with beads, etc., consisting of a flat sole held loosely on the foot by a Y-shaped strap, like a thin thong, that passes between the first (big) and second toes and around either side of the foot.
**SUGGESTED DRESS CODE FOUND IN THE CONFERENCE GUIDE:**

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**Note about HOSA’s Dress Code Policy:**
- Head covers that are required for religious purposes or to honor cultural tradition are allowed.
- A competitor should dress appropriately, based on the dress standards outlined for the gender to which they identify.