

DISTRICT CLOTHING GUIDELINES

Official SkillsUSA Attire: Participants are expected to wear SkillsUSA attire or professional dress to the District Conferences. **The Massachusetts State Conference options include the SkillsUSA windbreaker and jacket, shown on back of this page.**

“SkillsUSA official attire” refers to:

For Men: Official blazer or jacket, black trousers with white dress shirt, plain black tie with no pattern (or official SkillsUSA black tie from: www.skillsusastore.org), black socks and black shoes.

For Women: Official blazer or jacket, black slacks or skirt with no hem shorter than 2” above the knee, with businesslike white, collar less blouse or white blouse with small, plain collar that may not extend onto the lapels of the blazer, black sheer or skin-tone seamless hose and black dress shoes.

Note: Important note: If your students are wearing an official windbreaker, blazer, sweater or jacket (black or red) with either our SkillsUSA logo or the national emblem they **MUST** wear the rest of the required official dress. All personal jewelry should contribute to a businesslike appearance. Only official SkillsUSA jewelry is to be worn on a SkillsUSA blazer, jacket or sweater. Official jewelry is described as conference pin, SkillsUSA emblem, officer pin, President’s Volunteer Service Award pin, statesman pin (one only) and professional development (one only) pin. No canvas, vinyl, plastic or leather athletic type shoes, open-toe shoes or open-heel shoes are permitted in any SkillsUSA Championships event without penalty.

“Business-like attire” refers to:

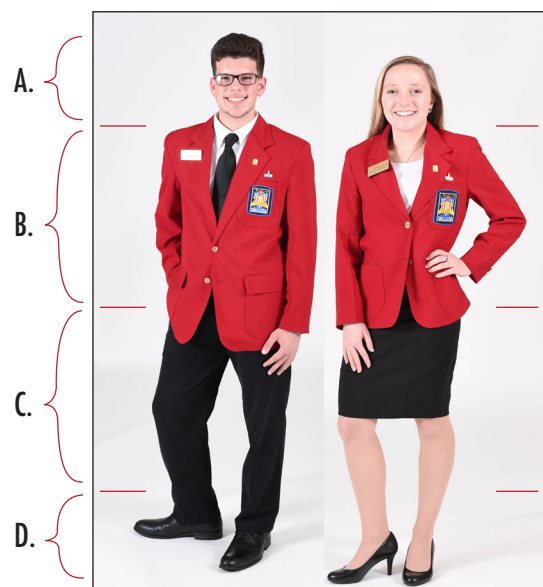
For Men: Dress shirt (i.e. shirt with collar and buttons) necktie optional, polo shirt, or sweater (with a turtleneck, collared shirt or polo underneath). Dress pants/slacks (see list of unacceptable dress for further detail on pants). Suit coat/blazer optional. Socks and clean shoes (no sneakers or work boots) with laces tied (if applicable.)

For Women: Blouse, dress shirt, polo shirt, or sweater (with a turtleneck or collared shirt or polo underneath). Skirt with no hem shorter than 2” above the knee, pantsuit, dress pants or slacks (see list on unacceptable dress for further detail on pants, skirts, and skorts.) Blazer optional. Flesh color seamless stockings with skirts, pants, and skorts. Socks may be worn with pants. Clean shoes (no sneakers or work boots) with laces tied (if applicable).

Unacceptable id Defined as: Denim jeans of any color and style; fatigue, camouflage, or cargo pants; skirts/skorts shorter than 2” above the knee; blouse made of transparent material, revealing neckline, tank or halter top, and/or slits; no bare midriff; t-shirt; spandex skirt, shirt, and pants; hats of any kind; sneakers/tennis shoes, or work boots. **AVOID** the following: Black leggings, black jeans, short skirts, open-toe shoes, heels taller than two inches, excessive jewelry, displaying name/school on the jacket.

Penalties will be assessed as follows:

- A. Violation for hat (head area) 10% deduction
- B. Violation for shirt (waist to neck) 10% deduction
- C. Violation for pants/skirts/skorts (waist to ankles) 10% deduction
- D. Violation for footwear 10% deduction



DISTRICT CONFERENCE CLOTHING GUIDELINES (continued)

Visual samples for clarification of district conference requirements



SkillsUSA Official Attire Options

Women's Black Dress Shoes:



These shoes are not all black and are taller than a 2" heel:



:These are sandals with an open toe

Men's Black Dress Shoes:



These shoes are not all black:



:No work boots or sneakers



Please assist us with our greatest challenge, the requirement that students must remain in proper attire right through the Awards Ceremony, for quality photos.