



CHAPTER FOUR

Conferences

DRESS CODE FOR CONFERENCES

The leadership conferences attended by Arkansas FBLA-Middle Level/Junior High members are designed to train students to become leaders in business. Part of that training is teaching students to wear appropriate business attire for these meetings. Because the organization is of a business nature, it is fitting that students dress to portray the business image of the organization. This image is a reflection on individual schools and FBLA.

The following dress code has been adopted by the State Executive Council and approved by the State FBLA-PBL Board of Directors:

General Sessions, Competitive Events, and Workshop Sessions. Business attire for young women must be a business suit, appropriate dress, or professional pants suit. Outfits of denim (any color) are not allowed. Shoes for women should be dress. No tennis shoes, athletic shoes, or slides. Appropriate hosiery should be worn with shoes. Young men must wear dress slacks (no denim of any color), dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes (athletic or tennis shoes are not appropriate).

The following items are not considered appropriate at any time on a FBLA trip: athletic shorts, spandex, cut-off shorts, bare midriffs, jeans or shorts with frayed holes, t-shirts with suggestive print, muscle t-shirts, or spaghetti strap tops.

Students wearing jeans and/or shorts to the general sessions, workshops, or competitive events will be asked to leave.

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District Fall Leadership Conference

The middle level/junior high districts within the state organization hold Fall Leadership Conferences for members of chapters within their geographic boundaries. Students and advisers have an opportunity to share ideas and participate in professional development and chapter building workshops. The district officers are also elected at these conferences. These district fall conferences are held in September, October or November each year. Information about the conference and registration information is distributed to each local chapter by the district coordinator.

District Spring Leadership Conference

Each middle level/junior high district has a Spring Leadership Conference in late April or early May. The purpose of these conferences is to further leadership development by participation in the middle level/junior high competitive events program. Each local chapter will receive information from their district coordinator in early April giving the information about the conference. The conferences are under the direction of the junior high district coordinators and district officers in those district large enough for officers. In the other districts, the conference is under the direction of the district coordinator and a local chapter's officers serving as the host school.