# ALABAMA HOSA

**DRESS CODE AND BUSINESS ATTIRE**

**Competitive Events:**

HOSA members should follow the **Event Guidelines** in determining appropriate competitive event attire.

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.

**Attire appropriate to the occupational area:**

This is based on the event. The attire should simulate what an actual professional in the event’s occupation would wear. Jeans and shorts will NOT be acceptable in any event. For **example**, scrubs are not appropriate for ALL healthcare areas. Safety factors related to certain professions may require different clothing (i.e. CERT).

* Scrubs, khaki pants and polo tops, clinical shoes or tennis shoes are acceptable examples
* Scrubs may be of any color or design, with or without the HOSA emblem
* UNACCEPTABLE examples include: denim clothing (any color), canvas shoes, sweats, t-shirts, shorts, short pants, revealing clothing, beach wear, flip flops or thong sandals

**APPROPRIATE BUSINESS ATTIRE**

* If business attire is identified as acceptable, the competitor can wear any of the following (color is NOT specified)
  + Suits, knee-length skirts or pants with a jacket or sport coat, knee-length dress, HOSA uniform
  + Shoes may be closed or open toed and color is not specified

*No policy can possibly cover all contingencies so HOSA members must use a certain amount of judgement in their choice of competition clothing. If you experience uncertainty, ask your advisor. If you remain uncertain, make another clothing choice.*

**General Session Dress Code policies: use the descriptions below for clarification**

SUIT POLICY

* Black or navy blue suit with a solid white blouse (blouse can be the member’s choice).
* Closed-toe blue or black shoes (hose optional).
* Blue or black belt.
* Male members must wear closed-neck, tailored dress shirt with a MAROON or NAVY tie.
* Female members may choose to wear **knee-length** skirt or slacks.

HOSA UNIFORM POLICY

* Tailored navy blazer with emblem affixed over the heart.
* White, closed-neck, tailored\* dress shirt, suitable for use with a tie or scarf.
* Accent for female members: maroon HOSA scarf
* Accent for male officers: navy or maroon long tie.
* Matching navy slacks for males and matching navy slacks or **knee-length** skirts for females.
* Closed-toe blue or black shoes (hose optional).
* Belt (blue or black)
* Head covers required for religious purposes are allowed

PROPER BUSINESS ATTIRE (ALLOWED BY **ALABAMA** ONLY)

* See description under the competitive events section on page one

**(Allowed in general sessions at State Conference ONLY. Will NOT be allowed in general sessions at ILC)**

\* Tailored is defined as: simple, neat design with fitted lines

**DRESS CODE EXAMPLES**

**Policy:**

**During the Recognition and Closing/Awards sessions on Friday, students will not be allowed on stage to accept awards if they do not meet dress code. Improper attire does not represent the professional image of HOSA. Please assist us with this so that your student is not embarrassed and prevented from coming on stage. A jacket IS required with slacks or a skirt.**

HOSA Uniform (Female: with or without the tie)

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Black or navy, close-toed shoes and belt

Suits

  

Black or navy, close-toed shoes and belt

Competitive Event Business Attire (ALABAMA ONLY – may also wear in general sessions)

-Tailored dress (no revealing necklines)

 

- Business Suits, Jackets/Sport Coats and Slacks/Skirts

    