



DRESS CODE POLICY

All students participating in JSA overnight conventions are expected to abide by the JSA dress code. As an organization, JSA has always prided itself on leadership, statesmanship, and leading by example, but these ideals go beyond the debates, thought talks, and simulations that take place during our events. JSA students are expected to speak, act, behave, think, and dress like the leaders they strive to be. All students are expected to dress modestly, professionally, and ask themselves when deciding on attire "Would I wear this to meet my Congressperson as a representative of myself, my school, and of JSA?" or "Would I wear this to a college admissions interview/job interview?" Students found in violation of the dress code will be asked to change into more appropriate clothing, and repeat offenders risk losing their privilege to attend JSA conventions.

The following are a series of guidelines that will be enforced during "business hours" in JSA (i.e. from Opening Session to key distribution on Saturday, and morning until Closing Session on Sunday). There may be additional times that students will be asked to remain in this attire. **While the dress code will be relaxed during evening hours, JSA Staff and Teacher/Advisors retain the right to ask a student to change into more appropriate attire at any time.**

Women:

What is appropriate?

- Dress shirt with a collar, blouse, or sleeveless top with cap shoulders.
- Sweaters, coats, or suit jacket.
- Skirts or dresses no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
- Dress pants or dress capris.
- Flats, 3 inches (or less) heels, dress slip-ons.
- Nylons, tights, or other solid colored hosiery.

What will cause you to be asked to change?

- Dresses and skirts lengths worn shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
- Revealing tank tops, strapless or spaghetti straps.
- Tops worn "off the shoulder" or with open backs.
- Low-cut revealing tops, tight fit clothing.
- Jeans.
- High heels that exceed 3.0 inches.
- Tennis shoes, sandals, and flip flops; or winter boots such as Uggs.
- Fishnet or patterned hosiery.

Men:

What is appropriate?

- Dress shirts with collars and ties.
- Shirts must be tucked into pants and worn with dress belt/suspenders.
- Blazer, suit jacket, or sweater over dress shirt and tie.
- Dress pants, dress chinos, or khakis.
- Dress shoes with or without laces. Loafers are acceptable.

What will cause you to be asked to change?

- Jeans, corduroys, cargo pants, and "critter pants."
- Polo shirts, rugby shirts, or other collared shirts.
- Athletic sneakers, sandals, flip-flops, Birkenstocks, and work boots.
- Hooded sweatshirts in lieu of a sweater.

Teacher/Advisors:

While Teacher/Advisors, student leaders, and JSA staff are all examples for the students attending conventions, Teacher/Advisors play one of the most high-profile roles. Not only do Teacher/Advisors donate their time to benefit their students and JSA, they also handle medical and disciplinary issues and provide moral and educational support for their students. As a result, JSA asks you to please follow the dress guidelines below:

- Please dress professionally during business hours.
- Teachers should not wear sweatpants unless traveling. Sweatshirts are only appropriate during evening hours and should have a school logo/name.
- Exercise clothes should not be worn unless immediately going to/from the gym.
- Jeans/corduroys are acceptable with a button-down shirt, sweater, or nice top