

IGNITE MONTANA CONFERENCE DRESS CODE

A good reputation enables you to take pride in your organization. Members of the Montana Career Association (MCA) have an opportunity to create an excellent reputation among community leaders and set high standards of conduct for future members to uphold. In a business setting, your appearance matters. Your image educates others on how you want to be approached. Every time you go out, you reflect an image that tells others how to treat you. They are sizing you up and making an assumption of what you do for a living, your income level and your current level of success in life based solely on your appearance.

The dress code appropriate for IGNITE Montana is:

Business Attire

Business Attire Definition:

When dressing in Business attire you are dressing to impress. Suits should be navy, dark gray, or black. Pinstripes are acceptable. Shirts will be clean, unwrinkled and dress shoes are required. **NO HATS ALLOWED**

Men: Suit jacket, collared shirt, slacks and tie must be worn. Suits and ties should be conservative in both color and style. Socks should cover the calf when seated and be a dark color to match your suit. Dress shoes only.

Women: Pant or dress/skirt suits are acceptable. Skirts will be at least knee length and hosiery should be worn. Extremely high fashion heels should be avoided as well as revealing clothing should be avoided.

Explanation:

In the business world, employees are often asked to attend workshops, meetings or conferences and required to dress appropriately. IGNITE Montana is an opportunity to dress appropriately in business attire.

The IGNITE Montana Conference is a competitive event-based conference; therefore, business attire is appropriate to allow you to display your skills in preparing for your future career, wherever your path may take you. When participating in a competitive event, volunteering, and/or attending workshops you want to look your best and represent the Jobs for Montana's Graduates MCA professionally. Hats should not be worn – as is the standard in most high schools and many work places.

Your teacher will discuss appropriate dress with your class. If you need help with getting appropriate clothing, please discuss this with your teacher. There are opportunities to borrow clothing or buy inexpensive clothing.

You and your teacher will be responsible for your being appropriately dressed at the conference, so make yourself, your teacher, and your MCA chapter proud by dressing in correct business casual clothing.

Our Style Guide

BUSINESS ATTIRE EXAMPLES

There are acceptable variations within the business attire definition



Pants

- Khakis (darker colors)
- Colored jeans (NOT blue jeans)
- Dress Slacks (black, blue or gray)

Shirts

- Buttoned down shirts
- Neck or bow ties encouraged
- Polo Shirts
- Blouses

Shoes & Boots

Preferred and acceptable colors of footwear are black or brown. All footwear should be closed-toe. Avoid high heels

- Loafers
- Oxfords
- Dress Pumps for women
- Boots (NOT hiking boots)

Blazers & Jackets

- Highly encouraged for both men and women
- Black, blue or gray colors encouraged

Skirts or Dresses

- Shirts should be no shorter than approximately 3 inches above the knee
- Mid-Thigh length skirts are OK but must be worn with leggings

UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

Students attending IGNITE are representing Jobs for Montana's Graduates, MCA during the Awards Luncheon and/or when participating in Competitive Events. Therefore, the following is not acceptable attire for IGNITE Montana

T-shirts
Leggings
Sweats
Shorts

Flip-Flops
Baseball Caps
Track Suits
Jeans