

**Name of Program: What's the workplace dress code?**

**Target Audience:**

-All Students; Main Focus Seniors

**Strategy for Implementation:**

-Activity and/or Bulletin Board

**Time of Year to Implement: 2nd Quarter/3rd Quarter (College Interviews)**

**Relevant Learning Goal: #2 Life Skills**

**Specific Lesson Outcomes: Students will demonstrate competence in skills essential to thrive in a professional setting**

**Purpose:** Students will learn to dress for whatever occasion they have coming up.

**Special Note:** This is a great program of RSLs and Wing or Hall Collaboration.

**For a Presentation/Fashion Show: Planning and Preparation:**

**(for a bulletin board, print off the script and replace students with pictures of people in these different types of dresses.)**

in Hall Commons: A couple of students (RSLs): Index Cards for a script.

The Script

Fun Runway Music

Host (Card 1) Hello Everyone and Welcome to the Dress for Success 150X Fashion show, I am your host \_\_\_\_ and today we have some fabulous models for you to show you what it means to look your best. Remember, if you ever want clarification for the occasion, just ask. You will never know unless you do.

First off, off we have *Student A* and *Student B* in Business Professional Attire: As you can see these two students are dressed for a professional setting where people are set to higher standards. Interviews are always the time to show off your professional setting. Although not all businesses have this strict of a dress code, oftentimes bright colors are discouraged. Shoot for black, brown, navy, or grey suits with slacks or skirts. Always wear a nice button-down or a blouse. A Tie or a piece of jewelry may be where you add the pop of color. Try a grey jacket with a teal tie

and shirt for a power combo. Wear a nice watch or bracelet to spruce it up. Don't forget dress shoes, loafers or heels.

Moving forward we have Student C and Student D in Business Casual Attire. Business casual is considered relatively more comfortable. No need to wear the tie, but still move toward a dress shirt or a button-down. Sometimes add a sweater or blazer. Slacks or Khakis are a solid choice. Skirts and Dresses are fine as well. Feel free to wear loafers flats or heels.

**Have an RC or the Host model this:** Next let's look at Smart Casual. Smart Casual adds trendy and comfort levels to your workplace attire. This tends to be nice t-shirts with a button or two. Polos (and specifically work polos) button downs are acceptable. Next, jeans are perfectly fine as long as they are not torn or ripped. Comfortable shoes like nice sneakers or loafers are also acceptable. Skirts are also a fine addition. Incorporate a nice set of boots, a matching belt, or even a vest.

And if we can have all our models come and show off their attire and we can compare and ask if anyone has any questions

Question time and discuss when these types of dress are appropriate.

**Assessment:**

Ask them if they have questions

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