

CTE DRESS CODE

Safety in shops and CTE classrooms begins with dressing for success. Wearing the correct personal protective equipment (PPE) is a critical part of the ensemble that can prevent student injuries in these classes. Wearing proper clothing is also important. A hazard assessment should be conducted for each program, and proper PPE should be designated along with the proper attire requirements. With this information, a baseline dress code can be established and required for all students in these classes.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME EXAMPLES THAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN DRESS CODES:

- No loose clothing or jewelry
- No long sleeves
- Long pants
- Closed-toe shoes
- Hair tied back and up
- No lanyards or accessories



Different CTE offerings may require unique dress code guidelines, depending on the work being done and the equipment being used. For example, a culinary program may require slip-resistant shoes. A manufacturing program might require all students to wear steel-toed footwear. A requirement could be made that no polyester or nylon be worn while welding. The important thing is to conduct an assessment and match the guidelines to the safety requirements of the work to be performed. The assessment should also include the PPE requirements that meet the manufacturer's specifications for the equipment being used.

These guidelines should be documented and clearly communicated to all students during initial classroom orientation and reinforced whenever necessary. Students should be aware that failing to adhere to the shop or CTE dress code will prevent them from being allowed on the shop floor and/or operating any equipment.

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