**CHS Speech & Debate Team Professional Dress Code**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of a professional dress code is to help yourself and the team have a polished image. This gives a fantastic first impression and a lasting impression after competition is said and done. Let’s face it; if you are tied in a round with a competitor who is not dressed professionally, you have the upper hand in a professional competition!

**For All:**

* ONE of your shirts/ties **must** be a shade of blue in this chart
* NO visible tattoos
* NO colored hair (aka: your hair must be a natural looking color)
* NO wacky hair cuts
* NO facial piercings (including nose piercings!)
* You need clothes that fit (not too baggy or tight)
* No bulky watches - INTERP: No watches!
* NO SHORTS when we travel!
* Please do not pair black and navy together
	+ It’s too dark of a combo and hard to match

**Males:**

* Dark Suit (or pants)
* Tie (with no words or pictures on it)
* Plain colored, button up shirt
* Professional shoes
* Hair – clean cut and groomed for competition!
* NO facial hair
* NO earrings or other piercings
* NO bracelets or necklaces
* Debate boys must wear ties. No bowties.

\*If you and your partner(s) would ever like to match with a different color scheme, you **must** talk to me first before buying/wearing those colors, since matching can be difficult with multiple partners.

* Dark socks
* Interp boys must wear solid socks. No patterns.
* No pins or tie clips!

**Females:**

* Skirt or pant suit (I would rather it be a skirt)
* Skirts- **must hit your knees**, the slit should not be more than 4 inches from the back of the knee and not in the front. Also, it should not be too tight; it should not ride up when you walk.

We are NOT asking you to go out and spend lots of money!

Needing a suit in Speech & Debate is like needing a helmet in football. Please let us know if you would like to look through the items we have on hand to borrow before you buy something. ☺

* **Solid** colored blouse (nothing too revealing)
* Simple, closed toed shoes with at least an inch and a-half heel
* Pantyhose (nude) THIS IS NOT AN OPTION
* All jewelry must be pearls (they of course do not need to be real)
	+ Stud earrings and a single strand necklace
* All jewelry must be simple and classy (nothing dangly)
* Earrings must be studs
* One hole in ears is the only piercing allowed to show
* No bracelets
* All rings must be simple
* Simple make-up (even if you don’t normally wear make-up)
* **lipstick is important (ask about the shade if you’re uncertain)**
* Hair should be completely UP – NOT in a ponytail.
	+ It must be a clean style, no hair hanging down.
* Only natural color on nails (which means I can’t tell you have polish on) or French Tips is fine too