

It is an honor and a privilege to represent 4-H and the excellent reputation of your local and state program in the New England Center at the Eastern States Exposition. We are asking you to consider your dress while representing 4-H Youth and Family Development programs and dress for respect. Chaperones may ask you to change your attire if they deem it not appropriate for representing 4-H. You may be corrected on any inappropriate language or actions while you are representing 4-H at The Big E.

Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all individuals participating in 4-H events and activities, **including participants in the fashion programs** and 4-H chaperones.

All chaperones are asked to make sure that their 4-H delegation is meeting the dress code.

EXPECTED ATTIRE

1. All clothing shall be neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance, and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events and activities.
2. 4-H shirts and state logos are strongly encouraged.
3. Clean shorts, pants or dress jeans are strongly encouraged.
4. Hair should be clean and neatly combed.
5. Hats will not be allowed in NEC unless it is part of the action exhibit.
6. Footwear deemed appropriate by your respective program must be worn at all times.

PROHIBITED CLOTHING

1. Clothing displaying profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting.
2. Skirts and dress hems must be 4" above the knee or less.
3. No cut-off shorts, torn or frayed jeans will be permitted. The inseam length of shorts is 4" or longer.
4. Exposed bare midriffs (front or side), bare chests, visible cleavage, undergarments (including bra straps), or transparent (see-through) clothing are prohibited. Blouse straps must be at least 2" wide.
Exception/clarification for Fashion participants for #4: Formal wear may be strapless or have spaghetti straps. Low-cut backs must not fall below the navel line. Slits cannot exceed mid-thigh, where fingertips hit the leg. Skin-baring sides are inappropriate. Dresses may not be cut below the bust line. The bust continues around your sides directly under the armpit. With arms down at your side, if flesh touches flesh below the bust line, the dress is inappropriate.
5. Spaghetti straps, tank tops, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited.
6. Excessively baggy or tight clothing is prohibited. No wide leg, loose fit pants.
7. Any clothing that must be continually adjusted while wearing to meet the dress code is inappropriate. For example, skirts that "shorten" while walking to be more than 4" above the knees, shirts that fall off the shoulder to expose undergarments, shirts that must be pulled down to cover midriff or pants that need to be pulled up to hide undergarments etc.