

# Style Guide: WHAT TO WEAR



A fitted blazer in a solid, neutral color (black, navy, gray, brown, deep earth tones). Steamed/pressed.

Ill-fitting clothes: too tight, too big/baggy, too short, too long, too low cut. Neon or other distracting colors—even as suits—are a no.

Trousers that fall to the tops of your shoes, ideally in a color/material that matches your blazer. Ironed.

Jeans or leggings.

Skirt or dress that falls to the middle of or just under your knees, also ideally in a color/material that matches your blazer. Ironed.

Sundresses or miniskirts.

A button-down shirt in either a solid color or a simple pattern.

Anything sleeveless (unless it is a dress shirt under a blazer) or strapless.

If you wear a tie, it should be a solid color or a simple pattern that does not clash with the shirt. The shirt should be buttoned to the top.

Your grandpa's hand-me-down, very wide tie that's covered in different types of fish.

If you wear a female-fitted, button-down shirt, be sure it buttons properly without gaps and is not too low cut (wear a matching camisole or undershirt if needed).

Lots of big jewelry that hangs low and jingles or clanks together distractingly anytime you move.

Solid-color (black or brown, depending on the suit/clothes), close-toed shoes—polished and clean. Can be flats or heels (3" or shorter). Be sure you are able to walk naturally and comfortably.

Sandals, sneakers, flip flops, strappy 5" heels.

Socks (if wearing trousers) that cover your ankles and match your shoe color. Socks are a must.

Your Valentine's Day-themed, pink and red, fuzzy socks.

Clean hands and trimmed fingernails with a clear or pale polish, if desired.

3" acrylic nails with teal and orange stripes and polka dots.

Fresh face—clean-shaven or trimmed and tidy facial hair (no 5 o'clock shadows), simple makeup (if desired).

Face paint from the carnival you attended the night before.

Simple, subtle jewelry—e.g., watch, necklace, bracelet, small earrings. You can wear one statement piece if it's not distracting.

Facial piercings that are not in the ears (nose, eyebrow, lip, etc.) should be taken out for interviews but may be discussed with prospective employer(s) later in the hiring process.

Good hygiene! Clean, fresh scent and fresh breath (no gum).

Overpowering cologne or perfume, or the scent of a cigarette.

Clean, dry hair. Headwear is appropriate only if it is worn for cultural or religious reasons.

That tattered old baseball hat you've been wearing all summer, or the new fedora you've been trying out.

Professional attire that you feel comfortable and confident wearing!

Your favorite sweatshirt and sweatpants that you feel comfortable in.