Professional Appearance at VANTAGE
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being appropriately groomed and dressed for an occasion

“The way we dress affects the way we think, the way we feel, the way we act, and the way others react to us.”

— Judith Rasband
Author, presenter, consultant and coach
Why Professional Dress?

VANTAGE has dress expectations because we live in the professional world where professional dress is an everyday expectation. We have adopted the dress expectations of modern, progressive workplaces – which means students “dress for the day”. Most days this means business casual.

There are outside professionals visiting and/or volunteering in VANTAGE almost everyday. Mentors, guest instructors, project partners and project coaches are in our facility working with students and teams. The presence of these professionals is the main reason we choose to step up to professional dress.
Men’s Professional Attire Examples

Everyday Business Casual

Special Events
Women’s Professional Attire

Everyday Business Casual

Special Events
What Not to Wear
Isn’t this a big burden on students?
On any given day a good portion of the students at MHS are wearing business casual clothing out of choice, so generally this is not a major burden. Students do not need to dress top shelf every day. They simply need to avoid the bottom half of high school dress options.

If VANTAGE is business casual, why do I see all those photos with students in suits?
“Dress for the day” is the policy, and some days this means going big on dress. When we visit the Caribou Coffee Global HQ to do our final presentation to the CMO, she may be wearing a suit, so we will want to as well. Our student teams regularly exceed our partner expectations with their presentations. Part of this is the professional demeanor and dress.