

# Michigan DECA Dress Code

## District and State Conferences and Activities

*The following Dress Code has been developed for all students, advisors, alumni, and guests attending any Michigan DECA conference.*

One of DECA's primary goals is to develop its members' social intelligence by administering helpful advice on how to dress properly in business situations. Delegates at every conference are always representing Michigan DECA, therefore it is necessary for delegates to be in appropriate attire at all times. It is important to remember that judges, sponsors, and vendors develop an impression of Michigan DECA based on its members' appearance and conduct at these conferences.

### When Appearing Before Judges (Competition) and During Sessions/Meetings:

- Business suit or sport coat or blazer (blazer optional)
- Dress slacks, dress skirt or business dress
- Collared dress shirt, dress blouse or dress sweater
- DECA Blazer optional
- Dress shoes
- Necktie/scarf is required if a collared shirt is worn

**Note: All dresses and skirts must be at or below the knee. All blouses and dresses must have covered shoulders. Sleeveless blouses and dresses are acceptable if covered by a jacket, sweater or blazer.**

*For a more professional appearance, it is recommended that students wear appropriate plain hosiery/socks.*

### DECA Business Casual

- Casual slacks (e.g., Dockers), blouse or shirt, socks and casual shoes.
- Jeans, t-shirts and athletic shoes are not included in business casual attire.

#### Unacceptable during any DECA activity

- Skin-tight or revealing clothing, including skirts
- Athletic clothing
- Leggings or graphic design hosiery/tights
- Midriff-baring clothing
- Clothing with holes
- Clothing with printing that is suggestive, obscene or promotes illegal substances
- Unacceptable types of shoes include boat shoes, canvas or fabric shoes, flip flops or casual sandals, athletic shoes, industrial work shoes and hiking boots
- Bare arms or shoulders
- Swimwear
- Sleepwear
- Hats

### ALL CLOTHING MUST BE NEAT AND IN GOOD REPAIR

**Students violating any of these points will NOT be allowed to participate in the activity or conference without correcting the violation or being penalized on their judged event.**