# 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:

- Dress slacks, dress skirt or business dress
- Collared dress shirt, dress blouse or dress sweater
- DECA Blazer, suit, or sport coat are 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 acceptable 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
- Bare arms or shoulders
- Swimwear
- Sleepwear
- Hats
- 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

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.**

# DECA International Conference Dress Code

Professional appearance is an important aspect of the overall preparation of DECA members for the business world. To that end, DECA supports a dress code for its career-based functions that exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism while being non-discriminatory between genders.

DECA's board of directors has developed the following official dress standards for the International Career Development Conference. Students, Advisors, and Chaperones must follow the dress code.

**Competitors must wear an official DECA blazer during interaction with the judges or when on stage.** While official DECA blazers are not required during briefing and testing, professional business dress is required. Professional dress should also be worn to all conference sessions including workshops and special meal functions such as luncheons.

For a more polished, professional appearance, it is recommended that attendees wear appropriate hosiery/ socks.

**All skirts and dresses must be at or below the knee.**

## When Appearing Before Judges (During Competition) and On Stage

- Official DECA blazer
- Dress slacks or dress skirt or business dress
- Collared dress shirt and appropriate neckwear (necktie, or scarf) or Dress blouse
- Dress shoes

## During Sessions, Meal Functions, Event Briefing, Academies, Manual Registration, Event Orientation, and Testing

- 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 (optional)

## 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
- Midriff-baring clothing
- Swimwear
- Athletic clothing
- Leggings or graphic designed hosiery/tights
- 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

***When judging adherence to the dress code, DECA asks that advisors, teachers and chaperones use observation as the tool for assessing compliance. DECA does not support nor condone the touching of students or their clothing as a means of determining whether or not a student is following the dress code guidelines.***