

# 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 and During Sessions/Meetings:**

#### **Females - one of the options below:**

- Business suit or blazer with a dress; dress shoes.
- Business suit or blazer, with a dress blouse, dress skirt or dress slacks; dress shoes.
- Official DECA Blazer with a dress; dress shoes.
- Official DECA Blazer with a dress blouse, dress skirt or dress slacks; dress shoes.

**Note: All blouses and dresses must have covered arms and shoulders. Sleeveless blouses and dresses are acceptable if accompanied with a jacket, sweater or blazer.**

*For a more professional appearance, it is recommended that students wear skirts that are at least fingertip length and appropriate plain hosiery/socks.*

#### **Males - one of the options below:**

- Collared dress shirt, and necktie; (*optional business suit or blazer*), dress slacks, dress shoes, and dress socks.
- Official DECA blazer with collared shirt and necktie, dress slacks, dress shoes, and dress socks.

### **DECA Business Casual**

Casual slacks (e.g. Khaki/Docker style), blouse or shirt, casual shoes. Jeans, shorts, cargo-pants, t-shirts and athletic shoes are **NOT** included in business casual attire.

#### **The following are NOT acceptable during any DECA activity**

Skin-tight or revealing clothing including skirts	Bare arms or shoulders
Athletic clothing	Swimwear
Leggings or graphic design hosiery/tights	Sleepwear
Midriff-baring clothing	Hats
Clothing with printing that is suggestive, obscene or promotes illegal substances	

**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 males and females.

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 judges and when receiving recognition/awards on stage.** While DECA Blazers are not required during briefing and testing, professional business dress is required. Professional dress should be worn to all conference sessions including workshops and special meal functions.

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

## **When Appearing Before Judges**

Females: Official DECA Blazer with dress skirt or dress slacks and a dress blouse; dress shoes or Official DECA Blazer with a dress; dress shoes.

*Recommendation: skirts should be at least fingertip length.*

Males: Official DECA Blazer with dress slacks, collared dress shirt, and necktie; dress shoes and dress socks.

## **During Sessions and Special Meal Functions**

Females: Business suit or blazer with dress blouse and dress skirt or dress slacks or business dress ; dress shoes.

*Recommendation: skirts should be at least fingertip length.*

Males: Business suit or sport coat with dress slacks, collared dress shirt, and necktie; dress shoes and dress socks.

## **During Event Briefing, Manual Registration and Testing, Leadership Academies/Institutes**

Females: Dress blouse or dress sweater with dress skirt or dress slacks (blazer optional) or business dress; dress shoes.

Males: Collared dress shirt and necktie with dress slacks (blazer optional); dress shoes and dress socks.

## **DECA Business Casual**

Casual slacks (e.g. Dockers style), blouse or collared shirt, casual shoes. Jeans, shorts, t-shirts and athletic shoes are **NOT** included as business casual attire.

### **The following are Not Acceptable during any DECA activity**

Skin-tight or revealing clothing (including skirts)

Midriff-baring clothing

Swimwear

Athletic clothing

Leggings or graphic designed hosiery/tights

Clothing with printing that is suggestive, obscene or promotes illegal substances

***When judging adherence to the dress code, DECA asks advisors, teachers and chaperones use observation as the tool for assessing compliance. DECA does not support or condone the touching of students or their clothing as a means of determining whether or not a student is following the dress code guidelines.***