

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: Business suit or blazer with dress skirt or dress slacks and a dress blouse or Official DECA Blazer with a dress; dress shoes. *For a more polished, professional appearance, it is recommended that students wear appropriate hosiery/socks.*

Males: Dress slacks, collared dress shirt, and necktie; (optional business suite or blazer dress shoes and dress socks.

DECA Business Casual

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

The following are unacceptable during *any* DECA activity

- Skin-tight or revealing clothing
- Athletic clothing
- Swimwear
- Leggings or graphic designed hosiery/tights
- Midriff-baring clothing
- Sleepwear
- 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.

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 or Official DECA Blazer with a dress; dress shoes.

Males: Official DECA Blazer coordinated 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 skirt or dress slacks and a dress blouse or official blazer with a dress; dress shoes.

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. Docker style), blouse or collared shirt, casual shoes. Jeans, t-shirts and athletic shoes are **NOT** permitted.

The following are unacceptable during *any* DECA activity

Skin-tight or revealing clothing

Athletic clothing

Swimwear

Leggings or graphic designed hosiery/tights

Midriff-baring clothing

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.