

## **Dexter Middle School: Adjusted Student Dress due to Covid-19**

Note: While it is still highly recommended that students adhere to denim/uniform pants and a Dexter Schools related top, the uniform modifications for school year 2020-2021 are outlined below. This is due to limited item availability and Covid-19. However, the principal reserves the right to revoke said modifications should student attire become a frequent issue.

### Dress Code:

The District encourages students to take pride in their attire as it relates to the school setting; we are professionals. Students should dress in a manner that, in addition to the following guidelines, takes into consideration the educational environment, safety, health, and welfare of self and others.

When in the judgement of the principal, the students' appearance, mode of dress, and/or cleanliness is distracting and disruptive to the educational process, or constitutes a threat to safety or acceptable standards of sanitation, or does not meet the following regulations, the student may be required to make the requested wardrobe modifications. Anything that can be considered gang related will be prohibited.

To implement the above, the following should be applied:

- Shirts/tops must be long enough to conceal the midriff. Shirts/tops must have shoulder straps wider than two fingers widths (at least one inch). The chest area must be adequately covered.
- Pants cannot be ripped or torn. They must fit at the students' waist without any issues of sagging. No undergarments may be exposed. Pants need to be more of a casual professional material; i.e. no sweats or pajama style bottoms.
- Shorts and skirts must reach at least to students' mid-thigh (halfway from waist to knee) or fingertip length; whichever is longer.
- Tights, leggings, or other hosiery must be accompanied of a mid-thigh length or longer top, dress, shorts, or skirt.

- Garments determined to be unacceptable because of slogans or artwork, particularly, those that depict drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, or things of an obscene nature are NOT allowed.
- Outer garments (jackets/coats/hoodies) that extend below the mid-thigh, hats, sunglasses, or similar articles will not be worn inside the building/s.
- Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times (slippers are not considered school appropriate foot wear).

On certain occasions, a more stringent (professional) dress code may be required and/or enforced. For example, shorts will not be acceptable at special events such as awards ceremonies and career day, or other events so determined by the building principal and/or activity sponsor.

Exceptions for special circumstances, activities, and health or religious considerations may be preapproved by the building administrator.

Students who attend or participate in extracurricular activities, such as athletics or FFA, are subject to the standards of dress.