

Dress For Success @ Dexter McCarty

Dexter McCarty Middle School Dress Code policy applies to all students school-wide including any and all school based activities and those off campus. The responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rests primarily with the student and their parents or guardians.

Allowable Dress & Grooming

- Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent, and shoes
- Shirts and dresses must have fabric covering the front, back, and on the sides
- Clothing must cover undergarments, waistbands and bra straps included
- Fabric covering all private parts must not be see through
- Headwear may only be worn for recognized cultural or religious reasons. Hats and hoods are not allowed.
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, and other activities where unique hazards exist. DMMS has a PE uniform requirement.
- All shorts, dresses, or other clothing that covers the lower body must cover to a length equal to the middle of the thigh or lower
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear

Non-Allowable Dress & Grooming

- Clothing may not depict, advertise, or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or other controlled substances
- Clothing may not depict pornography, nudity, or sexual acts
- Clothing may not use or depict hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected groups
- Clothing must not threaten the health or safety of any other student or staff
- Clothing that is recognized as gang identifier or affiliation
- If a student's attire or grooming threatens the health or safety of any other person, then discipline for dress or grooming violations will be consistent with discipline policies for similar violations

All decisions regarding inappropriate dress or grooming are at the complete discretion of the McCarty administration. Decisions may be appealed to the principal. Students are expected to follow McCarty's dress code expectations. If students choose to dress inappropriately:

First Offense: Change to appropriate dress, write out expectations, parent contact

Second Offense: Change to appropriate dress, 3 lunch detentions or 1 after school detention, parent contact

Third Offense: Change to appropriate dress, 1 day suspension, parent conference

Fourth Offense: Change to appropriate dress, 3-5 day suspension for insubordination