

**DEXTER MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**DRESS CODE – 2011-12**

Dexter students are expected to dress appropriately for the business of education. Cleanliness and good grooming are elements of appropriate dress. Students at Dexter Middle School are required to be in a school uniform. New students will have one (1) week upon entrance to be in uniform. The colors of the school uniform are solid Khaki, Navy Blue, Royal Blue, Light Blue, and White for the shirts, pants, capris, shorts, skirts, and jumpers. No jean-like pants (denim material), gym shorts, or sweat pants are allowed. The polo style, collared button, turtleneck or mock turtleneck shirts will be solid White, Light Blue, Navy Blue, Royal Blue, or Khaki. The shirts must be tucked in at all times while on the school campus. All but the top two buttons of a shirt must be buttoned starting with the collar button. Only sweaters with uniform colors are allowed and must have a collared shirt underneath. Collared, sleeveless shirts must have at least a 4-inch shoulder seam. Special team/school shirts may be worn on specific days if approved by the Principal. Female students may wear pants, capris, shorts, skirts, and jumpers with the uniform shirts. Male students may wear pants or shorts with the uniform shirts. Uniforms must fit appropriately. Please keep in mind skirts, jumpers, and shorts can be no shorter than the fingertips when placed at the side or a reasonable length as deemed appropriate by office staff. If clothing length appears immodest, the student will be required to change. If this is not possible, other arrangements to remove the offending student from the standard educational setting will be made. No pants can drag the floor or have the bottom of the pant leg wider than the shoe. Any tags on the pants must be removed. Uniforms may not be purchased any larger than one (1) size than what the student wears. This is to allow for shrinkage and growth. Uniforms must also not be skin tight. Sagging is not allowed. Top of pants cannot be any lower than the top of the hip. Pants, of any style, cannot be frayed or cut-off (must have a hem). Pants are allowed to have pockets (inside and out). Cargo, painter, or carpenter pants (pants with large outside pockets) are not allowed. Clothing will not bear any additional emblems, jewelry, or insignias. Shoes or durable footwear must be worn on campus at all times. Slippers or house-shoe type footwear are not acceptable. Belts may be black, brown, or in school uniform colors and must fit inside the belt loops. Belts that are not worn inside the belt loops are considered accessory items and can only be in school uniform colors. Accessory items such as scarves, hair ribbons, etc. must be in school uniform colors. Students may not wear extended (hanging) belts, suspenders/shoulder straps, bandanas, wallet chains, spiked jewelry, or hairnets. Earrings and other adornment or jewelry must not present a health or safety hazard. No hats, caps, or sunglasses should be worn in the school building. Jackets will be uniform colors of khaki, white, light blue, royal blue, or navy blue. Only jackets that are uniform colors are to be worn in the building. Non-uniform color jackets or oversized jackets are not to be worn inside the building. Teachers may request students to remove jackets in the classroom.

**The following items are prohibited:**

- Clothing, jewelry, or hair styles/colors that are deemed inappropriate or disrupt the educational process or endangers students, including, but not limited to body piercing jewelry, i.e. nose, eyebrow, lip, or tongue rings (with the exception of earrings worn in the ear). No piercing retainers, spacers/plugs, or band aids covering piercings will be allowed. Visible tattoos, heavy gauge metal (spiked) jewelry, wallet chains, or items worn as jewelry such as bicycle chains, locks, etc. are not allowed.
- Clothing (flannel shirts, bandanas, hats, team emblems, gloves, etc.), hairnets, tattoos, insignias, or accessories, which advertise gang affiliation, abuse, or promote any drug, sexual innuendo, violence, weaponry, profanity, hatred, or bigotry towards any group. This includes wording and/or pictures on clothes regarding racism.
- Chains, straps and/or anything hanging out of pockets or off belts or belt loops.

Sponsors of any activity at which students represent Dexter Middle School may have requirements beyond those stated above. The principal shall determine additional requirements for special events. The administration reserves the right to ban additional clothing or accessory items if necessary. Considerations and consequences may vary, but may include using clothing loaned by the school, being sent home to change, asked to remove prohibited accessories, requesting a change of clothes from home, or being suspended (ISS or OSS) from school. If the staff and administration feel the clothing or accessory to be inappropriate, disruptive, unsafe, or unhealthy, students will not be able to appear with that item on campus. Students are expected to be neat, clean, and appropriately dressed for learning. Prohibited item(s) will be confiscated and may be returned to a parent by appointment with an administrator.

**Hair Guidelines:** Students will keep their hair clean and neat.

- a. All students' hair around the face should be trimmed so their face is visible at all times. This includes the "bangs" of students not to be covering their eyes.
- b. Boys' hair should not extend below the bottom of a standard collar.
- c. Students shall not wear beards.

Students may grow mustaches but must be kept clean and trimmed. The mustaches may extend to the corners of the mouth but must be trimmed so as not to extend past the top of the upper lip.