

STUDENT GROOMING AND DRESS POLICY

Delhi Charter School is a public school that has certain attendance requirements that must be met if a student is to continue to be enrolled. These requirements are many and varied, but each serves to enhance a more structured educational environment. The Board of Directors considers student grooming and dress to be an essential part of this environment and as such shall require all students to conform to the requirements of specific uniform and grooming standards.

A committee that shall consist of parents and classroom teachers shall develop uniform and grooming standards. These standards shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. The Head Master, Teacher/Directors and classroom teachers shall be responsible for enforcing these standards any time during the school day. No exceptions are to be allowed. Any student that fails to comply with the standards shall be subject to such disciplinary action as the school's policies allow.

Parents and/or guardians shall be advised prior to school as to the requirements of the uniform and grooming standards, and shall also be advised of the strict enforcement of the standards.

The Board of Directors shall annually review the uniform and grooming standards to determine if adjustments should be made that would further enhance the educational environment within the school.

Student Grooming and Dress Standards

All students of Delhi Charter School will be required to meet the following grooming and dress standards:

Grooming: All students will be required to be clean, neat and well-groomed when they arrive at school each day. Any personal grooming that is such that creates a distraction for other students will not be allowed. Students will not be allowed to wear any distracting jewelry. Female students may wear one earring per ear, but no other pierced jewelry will be allowed. Male students will not be allowed to wear any piercing jewelry.

Female students should wear their hair in a neat and clean manner that does not interfere with their schoolwork. Male students should wear their hair in a neat and clean manner with hair no lower than the middle of their foreheads in the front, no lower than the shirt collar in the back, and no lower than the middle of their ears on the sides. Male students are not allowed to wear any facial hair in the form of mustaches, beards, etc.

Dress: All students are must arrive at school in clean, neat clothing that complies with the standards set forth here.

- **Tops:** All tops must be Polo styled Navy Blue or White (solid colors only), with the Delhi Charter School "bug" embroidered on it. Sweaters, light jackets or coats that are worn to school must be of the type that can be removed while in class (full-zip or full button down only), and must be approved by the Headmaster. Pullover styled sweaters, sweatshirts and other garments are not to be worn at any time. All shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- **Bottoms:** All bottoms must be Khaki in color (no denim of any color will be allowed), Pants must be waist high with belt loops. Shorts, skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be of an appropriate length and hemmed at the bottom (for grades 7 and above an appropriate length is no shorter than 2 inches above the knee). **Cargo pants, low-waist pants, flare-leg or bell-bottoms, and Capri pants are not allowed.**
- **Belts:** Belts must be worn by all students in grades 3 -12.
- **Shoes:** All students must wear closed shoes to school. Boots (e.g. work boots, cowboy boots) are not allowed at any time.
- **PE Uniform:** Students in grades 6-12 must dress out for P.E. This uniform can consist of shorts (no white or 'see thru'), t-shirt, and must be of proper fit.

Delhi Charter School "bugs" must be visible on all uniform shirts. Brand name labels must not be visible on clothing, nor will clothing that includes logos or any type of advertisement be allowed.

Dress Down Days: As a part of our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program, from time to time the Delhi Charter School conducts “Dress down Days” where students are allowed to be out of uniform as a reward for Positive Behavior. However, the following rules must be adhered to:

- All clothing must be the appropriate length and fit
- No skin exposed through holes in jeans or tops
- Sleeves are required
- No pullovers (hoodies)
- No boots (work boots, cowboy boots, etc.)
- No clothing with vulgar or profane language, images, etc.

The Head Master is the deciding authority on the appropriateness of all student grooming and dress. Students who violate these standards will be subject to disciplinary action as required by the school's discipline policies.

**DCS Uniform Code
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- Shoes:** All shoes will have a back and be close-toed. No boots allowed.
- Daily Top:** Solid white or navy polo style knit shirt with Delhi Charter School monogrammed on front, left chest.
- Dress Top:** Boys (6th-12th) will wear solid white oxford style shirt (DCS bug) with navy tie. Boys in grades K-5th will wear solid white oxford style shirt (DCS bug) with navy clip-on tie. Girls (6th-12th) will wear khaki skirt with solid white oxford style shirt (DCS bug). Girl's skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee when kneeling. Girls in grades K-5th will wear a khaki skirt with white school approved shirt (Delhi Charter School).
- Pants:** Boys will wear school approved khaki pants for dress and daily wear. Girls will wear school approved khaki pants for daily wear. **Cargo pants, low-waist pants, flare-leg or bell-bottoms, and Capri pants are not allowed.**
- Shorts:** Boys and girls are allowed to wear school approved khaki shorts. Girls in grades K-5th are allowed to wear solid khaki style skirts or jumpers. The length of all shorts should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. **Cargo pants, low-waist pants, flare-leg or bell-bottoms, and Capri pants are not allowed.**
- Belts:** Belts must be worn by all students in grades 3 -12.
- Jackets:** Sweaters, light jackets or coats that are worn to school must be of the type that can be removed while in class (full-zip or full button down only), have an approved DCS LOGO, and must be approved by the Headmaster. Students may also be allowed to wear DCS letter jackets.
- PE:** Students in grades 6-12 must dress out for P.E. This uniform can consist of shorts (no white or ‘see-thru’), t-shirt, and must be of proper fit.

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*****No shoes, belts, t-shirts, etc. should be distracting in any way. The Headmaster shall make the ultimate decision on the appropriateness of any attire.*****