



FORMAL EVENT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

For all attendees including their guests

Goal: Modesty, Formal Attire, Event Appropriate

NOTE: The intent of these guidelines is to ensure that everyone has a wonderful, memorable experience. The focus of the event should be on the social opportunity for every participant and the clothing that is worn should not be a distraction to that end. We have tried to be specific so that there is no question what the expectation of the guideline means. While shopping for appropriate clothing can be a challenge in this day and age, it can be a great learning opportunity. All participants, including guests from outside the school, must comply with these guidelines.

Ladies:

- Neckline:** Neckline should be high enough in the front so that no cleavage is visible, including undergarments worn with the dress.
- Dress Back:** No low-cut or plunging back. A dress that maintains coverage on the sides and is well above the natural waist is approved.
- Dress Length:** Dress/skirt length must be no shorter than the height of a standard size credit/gift card (3^{3/8}x 2^{1/8}) standing on its short edge from the floor when the student is kneeling in the dress. Dress/skirt must touch the top of the credit card when worn as intended.
- Slip and/or sheer extensions are not considered part of the dress length.
- Slits on the dress should not be higher than the length guideline above.
- “High-low” dresses or scarf hem dresses must meet the length criteria above.
- Dress Details:** Dresses should not have any cutouts below the neckline or on the sides (lace, netting/tulle, or other see-through materials are not acceptable to cover cut-outs). Flesh tone or form fitting underlays with see-through materials as overlays are not acceptable. [Example: lace netting/tulle or see-through materials.]
- Dresses should not be extremely tight-fitting, so they cling to the body.
- Dresses must be one-piece.
- Dresses must have visible straps on dress (no clear straps).
- One-shoulder dresses which meet all other criteria are acceptable.
- Halter dresses may be worn as long as they have appropriate neck and back lines.

Gentlemen:

- Tuxedo, suit, sport coat, or vest.
- Long pants (no shorts), shirt, tie, dress shoes (no tennis shoes).
- Pants should fit properly on the hip and not sag below the waistline.
- No earrings or visible tattoos.