

Dress Code for Formal and Semi-Formal Dances

The Covenant School

2025 -2026

Why do we have a dress code?

- Different clothes are appropriate for different times and places. Nevertheless, we should always dress modestly and humbly, in a way that honors God, our neighbors, and ourselves.
- This is a school dance. Our sartorial choices reflect well or poorly on Covenant. Out-of-school guests are required to uphold the same standards.
- Current trends in fashion do not determine our standards of modesty or appropriateness. As St. Paul says in his letter to the Romans: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Dress Code for Males

Appropriate Semi-Formal Attire (Homecoming)

Jacket or sports coat with shirt and tie, dress pants or khaki pants.

Appropriate FORMAL Attire (Spring Formal)

Suit with a shirt and tie or tuxedo. (Not a sports coat or jacket.)

Inappropriate Attire

Un-tucked shirts, informal shirts or t-shirts

Denim, cargo pants, low-hanging or super-tight pants

Visible undergarments

IF YOU HAVE DOUBTS, please ask Mr. Gibson. This is your dance, and we want you to have fun! Don't ruin your night by dressing inappropriately, and making a chaperone have an embarrassing conversation in which you are asked to go home.

Dress Code for Females

1. Dresses should not have cut-outs below the bustline: When you put your arms by your side, skin should not touch skin.
2. Dresses should not be completely backless and/or sideless.
3. Dresses may not be made of see-through fabrics or nude -looking fabrics such as tulle, netting, or illusion.
4. Necklines must not be cut too low.
5. Dresses should be at least longest fingertip length, all the way around the hemline. If a long dress has a slit in it, the top of the slit should pass the finger-tip test.
6. If you have to ask "Is this too tight?" IT IS too tight.

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