

Formal Dance Dress Code

- Dresses should be modestly cut in the front so as not to show too much cleavage; plunging necklines are not allowed.
 - See-through tops or bra-top-type dresses are not acceptable. A two-piece dress with less than a 1 inch gap is within dress code.
 - No more than 1 inch "Mesh" that attaches a top to a skirt bottom, thus making it a one-piece dress is acceptable.
 - Dresses may not be cut below the bust line on the sides. **With your arms down at your side, if flesh touches flesh below the bust line on the sides, the dress is inappropriate.**
 - Midriffs should not be exposed more than 1 inch. This includes front, back and side. All dresses must cover the midriff region and be modest in style with no sheer fabric.
 - Dresses should not be cut lower than the midriffs and the top of the waist **in the back.**
 - Dresses may not have a slit on the side, in the front or back that is higher than finger tip length in a standing position.
 - Dress itself must be fingertip length at all times. If the dress is less than fingertip length at any time of normal wear (standing up from sitting, after walking, etc.), it is not in dress code.
 - Dresses with cut-outs in the front of the dress are not acceptable unless skin-tone fabric is permanently attached to the dress.
 - Lace-up dresses that are open to the top of the waist must have material attached behind the laces, thus covering the lower back if they are to be acceptable.
 - Undergarments should be covered by the dress and should not be visible. Undergarments cannot be used to meet dress code guidelines.
 - All dress alterations must be **permanent** - No quick fixes at the door will be made in order to make the dress acceptable. Fabric inserts that make the dress acceptable must be sewn to the dress and not pinned or taped. Pinning or taping will not suffice as an alteration for a dress, if without the pins or tape, the dress does not meet dress code.
 - No cover-ups (coats, shawl, wraps, and/or sweaters) will be allowed over dresses in order to make them meet the dress code.
 - Students will NOT be allowed into the dance if their dresses do not meet the dress code.
 - **Strapless dresses, spaghetti strap dresses, one strap dresses and/or halter top dresses that have none of the above mentioned violations ARE ALL APPROVED dresses.**
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- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times; no tennis shoes, flip-flops, deck shoes, etc.
 - No jeans
 - No cut off shirts, t-shirts, or tank tops may be worn under the suit jacket as the suit shirt
 - Non-formal headwear will not be allowed: i.e. baseball caps, do rags, bandannas, etc. Formal dress hats that go with the tuxedo or suit are acceptable headwear.
 - Expected attire is a dress suit and tie or a tuxedo.

Please remember: If you are bringing a date that is not a CHS student, it is **your responsibility** to make him/her aware of our dress code policy for prom and ensure that they comply with it.

This is a special night for CHS students; we hope to maintain the integrity and formality of this special occasion by implementing a respectable and appropriate dress code. There is a multitude of beautiful, tasteful, and appropriate dresses, suits and attire available for prom. **If any student has questions concerning his/her dress or attire, it is said student's responsibility to seek PRIOR approval of their dress or attire from the CHS administration so as not to put him or herself in the position of not being allowed to enter the dance due to dress code violations.**

Please be reminded that once a student(s) leaves the facility and or grounds, he/she will not be permitted to re-enter. In case of an emergency, a CHS administrator can accompany a student(s) to and from his/her car which will thereby allow the student to re-enter. Student safety is the primary concern when it comes to students coming and going.