



Senior Prom

Friday, May 12, 2023



Assumption Senior Prom 2023

Your Guide to
What to Wear
& What Not to
Wear

Dress Code for Dances

To show respect for the event, those who plan and host it, and faculty/staff working it, students and their guests need to dress appropriately.

For a formal event like Senior Prom, girls are required to wear a dress, skirt and blouse, or **pantsuit*** and boys are required to wear slacks, a dress shirt (which must be worn and buttoned the entire night), and coat and tie.

* doesn't have to be a Hillary Clinton-style pantsuit; could be **jumpsuit**, dressy pants outfit, a tuxedo, etc.



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Creative attire is acceptable but needs to be respectful of the event; costumes are not acceptable attire for a formal dance.



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Dresses for dances need to be appropriate for a Catholic high school dance.

No jackets, sweaters, or other garments may be used to cover a dress that is inappropriate. (These may be worn with a dress, but the dress has to be okay on its own.)

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Students who are not dressed appropriately for a school dance will be sent home or required to change by the administrators on duty at the dance, whose judgment as to what is appropriate will be final.

NOTE: if putting on a T-shirt will cover the parts of a dress that are inappropriate, the student will be given a big T-shirt to wear and allowed to remain at the dance; she must keep the T-shirt on throughout the dance and will also be issued a demerit, which will need to be served in detention prior to graduation.

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Dresses for dances need to be **APPROPRIATE** for a **Catholic high school** dance.

- ✓ modest: not sexy; pretty much covers you from shoulder to mid-thigh
- ✓ think beautiful, glamorous, elegant—again, not sexy
- ✓ not what a celebrity wears on the red carpet, to a fashion gala, performing on stage
- ✓ age-appropriate: don't need to look like you're 25 years old or older

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These guidelines/expectations are often at odds with fashion and cultural trends.

What follows specifies a number of current fashion trends could cause problems in terms of being acceptable/appropriate for a Catholic high school dance. Examples are not exhaustive but should give you a pretty good idea of what would be okay and what won't fly.

Dress Code for Dances

No more than minimal bare midriff areas or bodices that look like bras or bikini tops

- ✓ NOTE: mesh covering large areas may not be skin-colored or see-through
- ✓ Strapless is okay



Dress Code for Dances

No plunging necklines

- ✔ center cut of the dress does not extend beyond a normal bra cut (note: a push-up bra does not have a normal bra cut)
- ✔ NOTE: mesh covering large areas may not be skin-colored or see-through



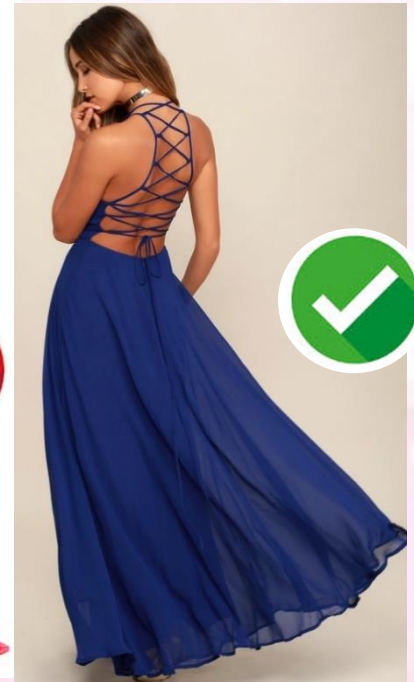
Note:
mesh is skin-colored
but covers just a small
area



Dress Code for Dances

Dress must have sides

- ✓ No more than VERY minimal side cut-outs allowed
- ✓ Side of breast may not be exposed
- ✓ NOTE: mesh covering large areas may not be skin-colored or see-through



Dress Code for Dances

No backless dresses or plunging waistlines: dress back may not fall below the waist

- ✓ Strappy backs are okay—but can't be just two thin straps and no other material.
- ✓ Corset backs are okay



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Dress length (front and back) must be at least an inch longer than the student's fingertips when her relaxed arms are down at her side and any slits in the dress may not extend above the student's fingertips when her relaxed arms are down at her side.



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Bodycon dresses are NOT allowed: a one-piece figure-hugging garment that clings tightly to the body from the bust to the lower hem

✓ Fitted is okay

✓ Mermaid style is okay



FINAL WORDS

This is NOT a new dance dress policy—it is simply more specific about what we have in mind when we say dresses need to be *appropriate for a Catholic high school dance*.

If you have questions, see one of your senior class officers or class moderators or class counselor—or ask your mom or grandma. 😊

NOTE: we have no Dean of Dresses, and there is no requirement to have dresses approved by the administration in advance. In fact, you need to use the guidelines and consult with your senior class officers or trustworthy adults before consulting with the Dean of Students regarding a dress.

Pop Quiz



Which princesses are dressed correctly for Assumption's Senior Prom?

Answer: all except #3 and #5



#3: Pocahontas's slit comes up above her fingertips, too much bare midriff

#5: Jasmine's midriff is way too bare