Formal Event Dress Code

Formal Dress Code for GENTLEMAN

Below are acceptable options for gentlemen attending prom or other formal events

- **Tuxedo** - Includes pants, jacket, tuxedo shirt, cummerbund or vest and tie
- **Full Suit** - Includes suit pants, jacket, button up shirt, and tie
- **Dress Shirt and Dress Pants** - With vest and/or necktie

The following are unacceptable attire for gentlemen attending prom or other formal event

- Khakis*
- Jeans
- Shorts
- T-shirt
- Untucked/Unbuttoned shirt

*allowed at Homecoming Dance only

Formal Dress Code for LADIES

Here are a few “rules of thumb” for ladies

- **Length** - Dress must not be shorter than mid-thigh at any point of the dress. This includes the slit of the dress.
- **Midriff** - Only a narrow portion of the midriff may show (2” maximum) and absolutely NO visible belly buttons.
- **Neckline** - The neckline of the dress should not expose one's cleavage.
- **Backline** - Dresses with an open back may not dip beyond the lower backline (natural waistline).

The following are photo examples with explanations as to what is considered acceptable and what is not. These are just EXAMPLES. We ask that you use good judgement.

The items pictured are just *some* examples of formal styles. If you choose attire that is beyond the “appropriate” limits, you will be required to correct the violation prior to entering the venue.

If you are unsure if your attire is “up to code”, take a picture of yourself in the dress/outfit and share with the event coordinator. Call the office at (501)847-0112 for contact information.

ACA Administration reserves the right to deny entry to anyone if his/her outfit is deemed inappropriate for a school sponsored formal event.
Acceptable Attire for Gentlemen

The following dresses are appropriate:

Necklines are modest.
Midriff is 2 inches.
Length is appropriate.
• Neckline is modest.
• Midriff is 1-2 inches.
• Length is appropriate.
• Back is long enough.

Appropriate:
Necklines are modest. Midriff is <2 inches.
Length is appropriate.
Back does not dip below natural waistline.
The dresses pictured offer an example of the types of dresses we are accepting. Note that the blue two piece dress (on left) is modest in the amount of midriff that is showing.

The white dress has a side slit that ends at mid-thigh.

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**Dresses that are NOT appropriate**

Navel should NOT be showing.
Length is too short.

**Inappropriate:**
Watch the height of the slit.
Must be mid-thigh or below, NOT upper-thigh!
Not appropriate

Midriff is more than 2”.

Necklines are TOO LOW or expose too much. Slit must not go above mid thigh.

Not appropriate

Too much midriff is exposed. Must be only 1-2”

The back of this dress falls below the natural waist line.
Although neckline and length are in accordance to the dress code, the midriff is too much and shows the navel.

**NOT APPROPRIATE!**

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**Not appropriate**

- Blue dress: midriff is acceptable, but the skirt’s slit is well above mid-thigh!
- Purple dress: too short in length, neckline is too low, and overall, too much skin is showing to be deemed appropriate.