

DRESS CODE

ATTIRE:

Black-tie Formal

This Masquerade Ball is a black-tie formal event. Formal Attire (Black Tie, Tux of any color, or Matching Dark Suit with dress shoes for gentlemen and formal floor-length gowns and dress shoes for ladies. All attendees must don a masquerade mask for entrance.

Tiaras, Top Hats, and gloves optional.

Ladies: Choose a modest **floor length or tea length** gown that is suitable for extremely lively, bouncy, and somewhat athletic dancing. You will be ducking, sashaying, bending forwards and backwards, kicking, and twirling. Though an extremely straight, skin-tight or “mermaid” style dress is beautiful, it’s not the best for dancing, and this Prom is all about **dancing**. The same goes for a gown with an extremely large hoop circle. Those gowns are likely to be stepped on, which causes tripping and tearing.

Permitted:

- Long, ballet, or tea-length gowns.
- Heels, dress flats, or ballerina slippers.
- Slits not shorter than fingertip length.
- Strapless and spaghetti straps are permitted, so long as the dress style stays firmly in place during dancing.
- Panels must be sewn in V neck gowns. Panels may be small.
- Midriff must be covered by non-see-through fabric in front.
- Two-piece dresses may be worn if the top covers the bottom by at least three inches. If the pieces simply meet in the middle, they must be sewn together.
- Sweetheart and V neck gowns that do not fall below a normal bra line.

NOT Permitted:

- NO trains of any kind, even a small one. At a dance like this, they are a safety hazard and have caused catastrophes. Gowns with plunging necklines below the natural bra line.
- NO gowns with open back below natural waistline.
- No tennis shoes of any kind.
- No dresses above “tea length” (mid-calf)
- NO see-through mesh gowns where the see-through portion would violate any of the other rules.

- NO body piercings of any kind. Earrings are acceptable. Nose piercings acceptable only if it is a small stud on the side.
- **NO trousers or pants or pantsuits of any kind, except for a formal sari with advance permission.**

Special Considerations:

A word of advice on shoes: Those 4” heels look spectacular, but you will never be able to dance in them. Consider wearing (or bringing) ballet slippers, flats, or heels that are actually comfortable. The issue with changing shoes after arrival, is that your gown may then drag on the floor, which exponentially increases the risk of your gown being stepped on or torn, and can cause you to fall.

Gentlemen: Knowing this is a formal Prom, choose a tuxedo or a matching dress suit with a collared, button up shirt and bow or necktie and dress shoes. Cuff links optional.

Permitted:

- Tuxedo (Black or white) or matching dress suit (black, navy, grey, brown).
- White Dress Jacket with Black Trousers and Bow Tie
- Formal Kilt with Tuxedo jacket and tie.
- Current Formal Military Dress Uniform

Not Permitted:

- Unmatched coat and slacks
- Sparkly or heavily patterned clothing.
- Skirts other than a formal kilt.
- Bolo Ties
- Gym shoes of any kind
- Cowboy hats
- No T-shirts
- No flip flops or open toed shoes or sandals.
- No chains worn on the outside of your clothing as a visible accessory of any kind.
- No jeans
- No shorts

A word about the dress code. Don't test us. Just don't. We're so tired of being tested, we're ready to break out the choir robes for violators to wear. We can't think of everything. If you have questions, please email us.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Hey! We're homeschoolers. Do we really have to say it? Well, yes, we sort of do because there may be one in every crowd. (Obviously not you!) Clear guidelines make for clear expectations, so here we go!

Wristbands: At check-in, all attendees will be given a branded, color-coded wristband to be worn snugly throughout the evening. If you don't have a wristband, you will be asked to leave. Nobody will be permitted on the premises without a wristband, and if you leave the premises unchaperoned, the wristband will be removed, and you will not be permitted to reenter. If you have an emergency, chaperones will be happy to accompany you and a friend to meet your parents or to your car.

General Behavior: Lots of genuine smiles and joy. Always use the highest etiquette. Immediately comply with all chaperone requests and treat the chaperones with utmost gratitude and respect. Regarding PDA, you can hold her hand and look into her eyes. No PDA beyond that of any kind. That means no kissing, prolonged hugging, sitting on laps, caressing, or embracing. You get the idea. If you aren't married, it isn't appropriate behavior. Leave room for the Holy Spirit. Don't make us send security after you.

- NO bullying or harassment of any kind.
- NO foul language.
- NO food or drink of any kind is allowed on the premises. This is a non-negotiable rule of the venue.
- NO alcohol of any kind. If you have visible signs of intoxication of any kind, you will be denied entry. No refunds.
- NO smoking or vaping of any kind.

We don't anticipate any issues with any of this. You will be too busy having a blast dancing.