

Dress Attire for MCA Formal School Dances

The attire is formal, but that doesn't necessarily mean floor-length evening gowns and tuxedos. What it does entail is an appropriate dress for girls (dressier than Sunday attire) and dress pants, a button-up shirt and a tie for guys (suit jackets are not required).

Here are some additional guidelines for dresses:

- Dresses can be no shorter than 6" above the crease at the back of the knee (to remove any ambiguity, we'll be using a ruler at dress checks to confirm that all dresses meet this particular guideline).
- No cleavage is allowed
- Dresses with a low back must be at waist level or higher
- No "cut outs" (no stomach/side showing). 2-piece dresses **MUST** overlap at the waist: meaning the top **MUST** overlap with the skirt waistband. All dresses should cover your midriff completely. For example, if you are wearing a one-piece dress and there is an opening showing your waist, then it is prohibited.
- Strapless is permitted (as long as it fits appropriately)
- All dress checks will be done by a panel of female teachers and should be completed on one of the first two dates. The third date (date given) should be for girls needing to have their dresses "re-checked" after alterations or other changes have been made. Girls will not be approved with a "promise" of an alteration (i.e. - "I promise that I'll have the hem let out"). All alterations need to be completed before April 19th and the dress will have to be approved with the modifications. If a dress isn't checked or a dress is checked, but not approved, by the date given - students will not be allowed admittance to the dance. Dresses need to remain in their "approved state" at the dance (i.e. it was approved at one length, but shows up shorter at the dance or was approved with the straps on, but shows up strapless).
- Front necklines shall not be lower than 5 inches from the base of the neck (the intent of this rule is to eliminate/minimize viewable cleavage... if 5" is too low to serve this purpose for you personally, please see Mrs. McAnally for approval... unfortunately, since God made us all differently, there isn't one applicable rule for everyone... please use your best discretion and remember, "the modest way is the hottest way".)
- These rules also apply to any see-through material.

Winter Formal is a special night for MCA students. We hope to maintain the integrity and formality of this night by implementing this simple dress code. There are hundreds of beautiful, tasteful, and appropriate dresses available for this event. Please bring your dresses to school and be prepared to try them on for approval. If a dress is deemed inappropriate, it will need to be altered/corrected and brought back in for reapproval. Please make sure that you have enough time to have your dress checked and then re-checked in case alterations are necessary.