

# Homecoming Dress Code 2017

(HOCO December 16, 2017)

**GOAL:** Establish a dress code for formal events that would be God-honoring, practical, easily enforced, edifying to each other, and a positive testimony to those watching us.

## **Scriptural Principles:**

I Corinthians 10:30 – “so whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it to the glory of God.”

I Timothy 2:9a – “I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety...”

II Corinthians 6:3 – “We put no stumbling block in anyone’s path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.”

## **Girls Dress:**

1. The length of the dress or skirt may not be more than **5”** above the **knee** when standing, if it is a full dress or skirt. If it is a straight dress or skirt, it cannot be any more than **1”** above the **knee** when standing. Slits may be no higher than **3”** above the knee when standing.
2. Dresses may be strapless but should fit correctly so that the girl does not find herself tugging the dress up throughout the evening. No Sweetheart necklines will be accepted. **Proper fitting of the dress will be determined by the dress committee.**
3. The front of the dress should be modest, not exposing **ANY** cleavage or too much skin. A helpful check: Take a ribbon (about 2 feet long, one inch wide). Extend the ribbon from arm pit to arm pit. Making sure the ribbon is at the top of each arm pit, you will see a modest line across your chest where the top of your dress should meet the bottom of the ribbon. (The dress will gradually go below this ribbon line in the arm pit area).
4. The back of your dress should be modest, not exposing too much skin. A helpful check: Try your dress on with your traditional bra (although you may be wearing a special bra during the actual prom), your dress should come up high enough to cover the back of your horizontal bra strap.
5. A tight-form fitting dress should not be worn. **“Tight” will be at the discretion of the dress check committee.**
6. Dresses may **NOT** have **ANY** mesh or cutouts.
7. You may use lingerie tape to help your dress fit properly and stay modestly attached on your body but we have discovered that this **DOES NOT** work as a permanent fix.
8. If there is a significant sheer overlay on your dress, measurements for length will be taken from the inner, non-sheer, part of the dress **only**.

A small committee of faculty/staff (women) will be checking dresses prior to the event to ensure modesty. They will help the girl determine if her dress is appropriate and if not, what changes need to be made to pass. Girls should wear the undergarments during dress check that they will be using for the prom.

**Please note:** If a girl is attending from another school, she must also have her dress checked by the committee. This must be done at one of the scheduled checks.

On the night of the event, it will be expected that the girls will arrive wearing the dress that was approved at their final dress check. **Girls who do not follow the above code, or who arrive in an altered dress will be asked to leave the event.**

Dress checks will be held in the Art room (#219). It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements to be at the dress checks. This includes communicating with parents regarding the dress check dates. Parents “not knowing” will not be accepted as a reason a girl was not able to get her dress checked. In the case of an emergency, please contact Lynne Willis immediately for other arrangements. Again, arrangements for an alternate date will be at the discretion of the committee.

**Dress Check Dates:**

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| November 29 <sup>th</sup> | 3:30-4:30 |
| December 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 3:30-4:30 |

**Re-check date (only):**

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| December 13 <sup>th</sup> | 3:30-4:15 |
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