

Prom Dress Code Guidelines

The following are the complete guidelines for dress at Sarasota Military Academy's 2019 Junior/Senior Prom, approved by the Prom Committee. All attending students and their guests must adhere to the criteria for formal prom attire below:

Gentlemen:

Formal prom attire is classified as a tuxedo or dress suit, including a tie, bow tie, a collared shirt, and may include a vest. **Shirts and shoes are to be worn at all times. NO SHORTS OR CROPPED PANTS. Pants must be full length.** Tennis shoes and athletic shoes are unacceptable. **NO HATS.**

Ladies:

Formal prom attire is classified as floor length dresses. Specific modesty standards are as follows:

- Dresses may be strapless or include spaghetti straps
- **No excessive cleavage allowed; the front of the dress must not fall below the bra line**
- The back of the dress, which may be bare or open, must not fall below the waist
- Bare abdomens or bare midriffs are not permitted
 - **RULE:** If you can see bare skin or see-through material from looking directly at you in the front, then it is NOT allowed
 - Two piece dresses are not allowed
- Undergarments should not be visible
- **Slits that rise above the knee are not permitted**
- Garments that are excessively tight are not acceptable
- The bottom hemline of the dress must be entirely below the ankle
 - No "hi-low" or mullet dresses allowed
- **Nails:**
 - Juniors/Seniors must have nails off by **WEDNESDAY April 24th.**
 - Freshman/Sophomores must have nails off by **TUESDAY April 23rd.**

Ladies with dresses shorter than the minimum standard may be allowed to stay under the condition that they must wear SMA uniform PT shorts for the duration of their stay.

- If the attire is questionable, students are encouraged to show their evening wear to CPT Scott beforehand to determine if it is dance appropriate. If in doubt, do not buy it!
- Students and their dates who are non-compliant with the dress code will not be admitted to the dance or will be escorted out of the dance. **No refunds will be given for dance dress code infractions in which these students are asked to leave.**