

Junior/Senior Formal Attire Guidelines for Ladies

Dress Checks: March 12th-19th

7:20-7:40 or 3:15-3:45

New Wing 3

***DRESS CHECKS FOR LADIES ARE MANDATORY.**

PLEASE COMPLETE ALTERATIONS BEFORE YOU ATTEND DRESS CHECK. IF YOUR DRESS DOES NOT PASS DRESS CHECK, YOU WILL HAVE TO SCHEDULE A TIME TO HAVE IT RECHECKED WITH MS. GRIZZLE BEFORE THE FORMAL (BY 3/27).

Our ultimate goal is for each of you to look beautiful and classy. We also want to enforce these guidelines as consistently as possible—which is why these guidelines are so specific. We will do everything that we can to help you figure out what will work and look good. If you are still unsure about a dress after consulting these guidelines, bring a photo of yourself wearing the dress to Ms. Grizzle before or after school before you buy it. Please do not text any of the staff photos of you in your dress for approval. **Every young lady must come to dress check and try on her dress (even if she does not attend Faith Academy). If your date lives out of town, see the event coordinator to make a plan.** A photographic record will be made of each young lady in her dress. Photos will not be shared publicly. If a young lady shows up on the night of the formal, and her dress does not meet the guidelines, she will not be allowed to attend.

General:

- Do not purchase a dress if you are not sure if it follows the guidelines/cannot be returned. Keep your receipts.
- If the guidelines say that it should be covered, cover it. Do not try to compromise with sheer/nude fabric.
- No visible tattoos.

Top/Cleavage:

- No visible cleavage.
- Dresses must be straight across. No sweetheart necklines or deep “V” necklines. If you insert a panel into the top of a dress, it must be high enough to make the dress go straight across. Panels cannot look like bare skin or be see through.

Side/Midriff:

- Dresses must cover the side. Dresses should not be cut all the way to the side seam. They should fit snugly on the sides so that you cannot see into the side of the dress.
- Dresses must cover the midriff. No cut-outs or see through panels in areas that should be covered. No dresses that give the appearance of bare skin showing that should be covered. If there is fabric behind a see-through panel or cut-out, it cannot be sheer or match the individual’s skin tone (making it appear that the area is see-through).
- No two piece dresses.

Back:

- Dresses cannot dip below the natural waistline in back. The natural waistline is defined as: “the thinnest part of your abdomen or torso—located between your ribcage and hips.”
- No completely backless dresses.

Length:

- Dresses must come to the knee. Slits cannot be more than 2” above the knee.
- No short underlays with sheer fabric over them. The shortest part must touch the top of the knee.