

# St. Theodore Guerin High School Dance Dress Code

Our goal is to insure a safe and healthy environment that honors the values of St. Theodore Guerin Catholic High School. These policies emerge from our shared mission in promoting Catholic values that recognize the dignity and self-worth of all people. We believe all of our students are beautiful individuals from the inside out and do not need to wear specific fashions to make that point. Dress for formal events should serve as a means to emphasize the beauty and dignity of the whole person. Within this setting, dances are viewed as an opportunity for students to socialize in a supervised and safe environment. Student behavior and manner of dress should reflect this guiding principle.

*Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.*  
*1 Peter 3:3-4*

**FOR LADIES:** Dress/outfit should reflect *the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit* and be appropriate for the St. Theodore Guerin High School setting. Dress, skirt, blouse/top or pants outfit should be formal in nature. The dress/outfit **must** meet the following requirements:

Appropriate **LENGTH:** skirt, dress, and the slit of skirt or dress may be approximately no shorter than 3 inches above the knee in front and back.

Appropriate **FIT:** the whole dress may not be so tight as to show all contours of the body. Also, the dress should not rise (past the length requirements) up while dancing.

Appropriate **CUT:** top may be strapless or spaghetti straps, but not low cut. Backless dresses may not be cut below the naval (belly button level on your back). Dresses should not have cutout areas, may not be see-through (sheer material) and may not expose any midriff or cleavage.

Students who have any questions about dress code or who want to have an outfit approved prior to an event please stop by the Campus Ministry Student Life Office. We are here to help!

**FOR GENTLEMAN:** Men too, should dress in a dignified manner. *"...put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires."* Romans 13:14

Dress pants (no jeans, kilts or sweats). Long sleeve, button down, collared shirt with tie or bow tie; formal jackets for prom; and belt and dress shoes. (no sandals or crocs)

**Any clothing that violates the policy will NOT be allowed into the event until the attire is in-line with these guidelines.**

*When Christian decency is present, then one's dress is worthy adornment of the person with whose beauty it blends as in a single triumph of admirable dignity.*

*Pope Pius XII*