

St. Theodore Guerin High School Dance Dress Code and Procedures

"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

Our goal is to ensure 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.

FOR LADIES: 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 and may not be see-through, sheer material over midriff, cleavage, or lower back.

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

ENFORCEMENT: Once in the dance facility, students must adhere to the dress code throughout the entirety of the dance. **Any student who is not in dress code will be asked to leave to change their attire before being allowed admittance to the**

dance. Guerin Catholic will not provide any modifications or dress alterations.

Prior to the dance, the Guerin Catholic staff will help ensure compliance with the dress code. A committee of female Guerin Catholic staff is available to review proposed outfits.

Female students with questions about whether their outfit meets the dress code may:

1. submit a hard copy photo of her wearing the outfit to a member of the committee;
2. show a phone image of her wearing the outfit to a member of the committee; OR
3. submit a photo of her wearing the outfit through the secure [dress code link](#) posted on Canvas.

Please note these photos will be used by Guerin Catholic staff solely for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the dress code. Hard copy photos will be returned immediately after review for compliance is completed. Images submitted through the provided link will be deleted after the dance.

OTHER PROCEDURES

- All students planning to attend Prom must review this document with their families.
- The dance begins at 8:00 p.m. and concludes at 11:00 p.m. No entry will be allowed after 8:30 p.m. Beginning at 8:30 p.m., phone calls will be made to parents of students who have registered but have not arrived.
- When students arrive the night of the dance they will be asked to submit to a breathalyzer test prior to entry to the dance facility. Students choosing not to stay for the entire dance may leave beginning at 10:00 p.m. The only exception to this will be if a student requests permission to leave, and a Guerin Catholic staff member receives permission from the parent via phone call.

If you have any questions regarding the Dress Code Policy or Dance Procedures please email or call the Assistant Principal for Student Services, Eric Schmidt (eschmidt@guerincatholic.org, 317.582.0120 ext. 224)