GUERIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2025 PROM
DRESS CODE & 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

PROM DRESS CODE

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 your children 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 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.
Appropriate LENGTH: skirt, dress, and the slit of skirt or dress may be approximately no shorter than 1" below the fingertips when the arms are fully extended 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.

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: As integral members of the Guerin Catholic community and the primary educators of your children, **we ask and expect our parents to actively lead their children to embrace and follow the Prom Dress Code**. We understand that finding the right outfit can be challenging, but this can be a powerful teaching moment–for your children to come to know their value and how to appropriately express that value in formal settings. Guerin Catholic reserves the right to refuse admittance or send students home for attire, behavior, or other infractions.

Prior to the dance, the Guerin Catholic staff is happy to partner with parents to 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 submit a photo of her wearing the outfit through the secure dress code link posted below, on Canvas and on the prom registration webpage.

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

LINK TO SUBMIT DRESS PHOTO FOR APPROVAL

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GUERIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
2025 JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM
Saturday, May 3, 2025
8-11 p.m.
The Bridgewater Club
3535 East 161st Street Carmel, IN 46033

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

ALL STUDENTS PLANNING TO ATTEND PROM
MUST REVIEW THIS DOCUMENT WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

GUESTS
Attendance is limited to Guerin Catholic juniors and seniors and one guest. If a student chooses to bring a date to GC's Prom, the date must be of the opposite sex. In addition it is the responsibility of the GC student to provide his or her date with a copy of the dress code, honor code and dance rules.

If your date is not a current GCHS student, the guest must be a student at another high school or a recent high school graduate who is no older than 20 years of age. You must complete and submit a guest form to Mr. Bach no later than Friday, April 25th. Guest forms are available on the prom registration webpage.

ALL GUERIN CATHOLIC FAMILY HANDBOOK RULES APPLY

ADMITTANCE
- 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.

DANCE CODE
Immodest dancing is not permitted (no grinding). After a second warning by school officials, parents will be called and the student sent home.

PROM COURT
Voting for prom king and queen will take place the week of prom. Prom king, queen and their court will be announced during the dance.

ENTERTAINMENT
DJ Mike Degler will be performing as our Prom DJ. Music selections for the evening are being compiled by the prom music committee and submitted to Mr. O'Connor for approval.

QUESTIONS
If you have any questions regarding the Dress Code Policy or Dance Procedures please email or call the Director of Campus Ministry and Student Life, Jim O'Connor at joconnor@guerincatholic.org, or 317.582.0120 ext. 238.

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