



# CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Purpose and General Guidelines for Girls/Boys' Formal Wear

As Christians, it is our desire for students to please the Lord and be a good witness to others both in appearance and behavior. In school events requiring formal attire, we seek to show that it is possible to dress with fashion, elegance and glamour, as well as meet God's standard of dress; "modestly, with decency, and propriety" (1 Timothy 2:9).

### When preparing for a formal event at CCCS, please follow these steps:

1. Purchase your ticket and submit a signed permission slip to attend
2. Take the CCCS dress guidelines with you when shopping for your attire
3. Submit full length pictures (front and back) of you wearing your attire to CCCS administration for approval prior to purchase. Pictures must be received at least 72 hours prior to event. *(CCCS is not liable for items purchased without receiving approval)*
4. Administration is here to help in this process and are available outside of school days/hours to give feedback and approvals
5. No refunds will be given to a student turned away because of a Dress Code or any other violation.

Please review and adhere to the following guidelines when purchasing your attire:

### GIRLS FORMAL WEAR

#### The top of a formal gown should be modest.

- Strapless, off the shoulder, halter-tops or halter-dresses are **not acceptable**.
- Sheer – must be worn with a camisole underneath in the same color.
- Single strap – must be a straight, diagonal line from under the arm to the opposite shoulder (see additional sheet)
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn. **Cleavage, stomachs, and lower backs must be covered and not visible at any time.** The back of the dress must not exceed one inch below the shoulder blade.
- Please be aware that any violation of this standard will result in the student being denied entrance to the event.

#### The hemline of a formal gown should be modest.

- Suggested hemline length for formal events, such as Prom, should come to knee length, tea length or longer
- Hemlines **must not be shorter than five inches from the floor when kneeling.** Please be aware that some dress hemlines may rise with movement and may lead to a violation of CCCS standard.
- **Slits are limited to knee height and cannot rise to more than four inches above the knee when seated.** Slits should be sewn shut if over 4 inches above the knee when seated.
- **Front slits are not acceptable.**
- Tight/form fitting dresses or skirts **that hug the butt, thighs, and legs** are not acceptable.

Sample of a ruler to measure the hemline of a skirt or dress.

**Hemlines must not be shorter than 5 inches above the knee, while kneeling.**

A girl wearing a hemline shorter than this will be issued tights or gym shorts to be worn under the skirt for the entire event.



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## Girls' Shoes / Accessories

- Consider the location of the event when choosing shoes.
- Its recommended to wear shoes with a modest heel for both comfort and safety. Girls should practice walking in their heels prior to the event to ensure that they are comfortable.
- The width of the heel must be at least the diameter of a dime.
- Spike heels & flip flops are not permitted.
- Any tattoo or form of body piercing is **not** acceptable (other than earrings).

## BOYS FORMAL WEAR

- Formal attire is defined as a properly fitted tuxedo, dress suit, or sport coat and slacks.
- Minimum requirement would be long sleeve dress shirt, a tie and long pants and dress shoes.
- Earrings for boys are **not** acceptable and will **not** be permitted. Boys will be asked to remove earrings if they are worn to the event.
- Any tattoo or form of body piercing is **not** acceptable.

## Outside Guests – Prom ONLY

- Outside guests are for Prom **ONLY**.
- Boys should give their female guest a copy of the CCCS Formal Dress Guidelines to assure that they are not turned away for the event.
- Outside guests are under the jurisdiction of the school and **must** follow **all** school rules, as well as the CCCS Formal Dress Guidelines.
  - ***Female guests must submit full length pictures (front and back) of themselves wearing their attire for approval.***
  - Failure to do so will be grounds for denying entrance / removal from this event without reimbursement.