

These guidelines have been adopted by the Administration of Cayuga High School and coincide with the Code of Conduct. This dress code guidance provides information to parents and students regarding prom and formal dance attire. Students not abiding by these guidelines will not be allowed to enter prom or the formal dance.



## Cayuga High School

### Prom and Formal Dress Code Guidance

The following rules and guidelines apply to both Cayuga High School students and their dates. It is the responsibility of the students of CISD to inform their dates of these guidelines.

# WHY DO WE HAVE A DRESS CODE?

- ✘ CHS staff and administration want you to make good choices.
- ✘ Prom or formal dances should be fun, but we want everyone to be comfortable and safe.
- ✘ With modesty in mind, the dress code guidelines will be enforced.

# DRESS CODE RULE #1

This dress meets the dress code.



- ✘ Dresses may not be cut below the bust line. The bust continues around your sides directly under the armpit.
- ✘ With arms at your side, if flesh touches flesh below the bust line, the dress is inappropriate.
- ✘ Necklines of female students should not be lower than five inches from the base of the neck.

# RULE #1 UNACCEPTABLE DRESSES



# DRESS CODE RULE #2

- ✘ Hemlines should be no shorter than a dollar bill above the knees.
- ✘ Dresses may not have a slit that exceeds mid-thigh. This is finger-tip length.



# RULE #2 UNACCEPTABLE DRESSES



# DRESS CODE RULE #3

- ✘ Dresses may be backless as long as they are not cut below the navel.



**This dress meets dress code. Please notice how the bust is covered on the sides.**



# RULE #3 UNACCEPTABLE DRESSES



# DRESS CODE RULE #4

- ✘ Midriffs will not be exposed.
- ✘ This includes both front and side. When arms are down at your side, if flesh touches flesh in the midriff section, the dress is inappropriate.



# RULE # 4 UNACCEPTABLE DRESSES



# PINNING AND FABRIC INSERTS

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- ✘ Pinning will be allowed as an alteration for a dress if the dress does not meet dress code.
- ✘ Pinning needs to stay stationary and fully resolve the issue/problem.
- ✘ No cover-ups (coats, shawls, sweaters) will be allowed over dresses that do not meet dress code. The dress needs to comply with the dress code.

# DRESS CODE INTERPRETATION

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- ✘ While we will be reasonable in our interpretation, you should know that you will not be allowed into the dance if you are not dressed appropriately.
- ✘ Most importantly, the dress code does not limit your ability to show your style and uniqueness.
- ✘ There are many beautiful and stylish dresses that meet the dress code.

# ACCEPTABLE DRESSES



# OTHER DRESS CODE NOTES

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Not allowed:

- ✘ Body piercing jewelry (except in the ears of female students) or spacers for earrings or body piercing.
- ✘ Visible tattoos.
- ✘ Cosmetic contact lenses of a color not natural to a person, or patterned lenses (unless prescribed by a doctor).
- ✘ Hair colors not natural to a person (i.e., green, orange, purple, etc.).

# MALE DRESS CODE

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- ✘ Male students and male dates' are expected to keep their hair neat, well-groomed, and out of their faces.
- ✘ Sideburns must not extend below the earlobe or forward on the face.
- ✘ All male students should be clean-shaven.
- ✘ Dress suit and tie or tuxedo / dress pants (no jeans).
- ✘ Appropriate footwear must be worn; no flip flops or sandals, etc.
- ✘ Non-formal headwear (baseball caps, do rags, bandannas, etc.) will not be allowed. Formal dress hats that go with the tuxedo or suit are acceptable.



# ACCEPTABLE MALE ATTIRE



# DRESS CODE SUMMARY

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- ✘ With modesty in mind, the dress code will be enforced.
- ✘ Dresses may not be cut below the bust line.
- ✘ Necklines of female students must not be lower than five inches from the base of the back.
- ✘ Hemlines should be no shorter than a dollar bill above the knees.
- ✘ Dresses may not have a slit that exceeds mid-thigh.
- ✘ Midriffs will not be exposed. This includes both front and side.
- ✘ Pinning will be allowed as an alteration for a dress. Fabric inserts may be pinned on the dress if the dress does not meet dress code without the inserts.
- ✘ No cover-ups (coats, shawls, sweaters) will be allowed over dresses that do not meet dress code.

# CHS PROM / FORMAL DANCES

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**Make good decisions.**

**Be safe.**

**Have fun.**

Questions about a dress? Please see:

- ✘ Principal
- ✘ Junior Class Sponsor – Lynn Wicker