

The Atonement Academy

Upper Scholars Dance Dress Code

The Atonement Academy encourages students to socialize in a supervised, safe atmosphere. Whether a student is a spectator at a game, participating in gym night, or attending a dance in the St. Anthony Hall, the student's attire should be appropriate for a Catholic high school setting. Students are expected to be clean and neat in their personal appearance, observing standards of modesty, moderation, and good taste.

In keeping with that expectation, the following dress code for dances is provided to assist our students and their parents. Like all rules they are imperfect, and there are undoubtedly loopholes around them. We ask that students and their parents comply with the spirit of these rules and select apparel that promotes personal dignity and gives glory to God.

For the duration of a dance sponsored by The Atonement Academy, students and their guests are expected to be in compliance with the dance dress code as stated below:

A. Any young lady who attends a dance sponsored by The Atonement Academy must wear clothing that meets the following guidelines.

- Dress/skirt length should stay no more than two inches above the knee (including the top of the skirt slit). For formals, dress should be floor length.
- Tops with spaghetti straps should not show cleavage.
- No midriffs are to show. No strapless tops. No backless tops ("Backless" is defined as shirts or dresses that show skin or are sheer below the bra area.)
- Necklines should be appropriate – avoid necklines drawing attention to cleavage.
- Heels are fine, but keep safety and comfort in mind when wearing three inch heels for three hours. Shoes must be worn at all times, so young ladies may wish to bring a second pair of shoes.
- Overly tight pants or spandex pants or shorts may not be worn as outer garments.

B. Any young man who attends a dance sponsored by The Atonement Academy must wear clothing that meets the following guidelines.

- A shirt and tie is required at all dances. Young men are expected to wear pressed, neat button-front shirts, and shirts must be tucked into the pants.
- Low-hung pants and baggy jeans are not allowed.
- Shoes are to be worn at all times.
- For semi-formal dances, appropriate young men's attire includes a dress shirt and tie, a suit, or sport coat with dress slacks and dress shoes. For formals, tuxedos are required.

NOTE: An improperly attired student (includes guests) will not be admitted to the dance, and no refund will be granted. Any interpretation, judgment and final authority in these matters lies with the administrator in charge.

Questions about attire? Bring a photo to show to Mr. Shivone (boys) or Mrs. Havel (girls) before your purchase.

A note about dance styles—

All dance styles must comply with standards of Christian morality, standards that include modesty, decency, and safety. Chaperones in attendance will be the final judges of the

appropriateness of dance style. Chaperones will confront any student behavior or dancing deemed inappropriate.