

# *Cadillac Heritage Christian School*

## *Homecoming Dress Code*

### **Homecoming Formal Attire Guidelines**

Homecoming attire should reflect more of a formal family occasion.

For boys, dress slacks, collared button-down shirts, and ties or bowties are expected.

For girls, dresses are expected. Dresses that are strapless, too revealing, skin-tight or form-fitting, expose midriffs or cleavage, or are too short in length are not appropriate.

For girls, dresses and attire that reflect modesty are required. Each year, the most difficult task for administrators is the determination of modesty for girls. Traditional interpretations are often at odds with fashion and cultural trends.

Following the guidelines put into place can prevent one from feeling uncomfortable because they have been asked to modify their attire at the event.

Modesty is admittedly a subjective interpretation, but one which we have the duty to uphold. Girls should therefore err on the side of modesty and formality. These guidelines should be referred to before choosing a dress for Homecoming. We expect nothing less than full cooperation from students and parents on this issue.

### **Specifics for Dresses**

- All dresses must have straps. No strapless dresses are permitted.
  - If your dress does not have a spot for your arm to pass through, it is considered strapless. Halter style, spaghetti straps, and off the shoulder are considered acceptable.
- Dresses must not be low-cut in the front. Be careful with scoop necklines and sweetheart necklines!
  - **NO** plunging necklines or visible cleavage is permitted.
  - Nude insets that give the appearance that there is skin showing that should not be are not permitted.
- Dress backs may not be cut lower than the bottom of the shoulder blade. No plunging backs are permitted.

- Dresses with more open backs may be worn if covered by an opaque (not see through) shawl, shrug, vest, jacket, etc. that must remain in place throughout the entire evening.
- The length of the dress must fall to the top of the knee while standing **and** while sitting. If a dress has a slit, it may rise no higher than the top of the knee (not above the knee) when standing AND when seated.
- Dresses must fit but not be skin tight or too form fitting.
  - Appropriate undergarments should be worn based on the style of the dress. Foundation garments must not be visible while wearing the dress.
- No bare or sheer midriffs or cutouts are permitted.
  - Two-piece dresses must overlap, even when the arms are raised.
  - Nude colored inserts give the illusion of skin showing where it should not be, and are not permitted.

You may view the slideshow that was presented with these guidelines by opening it from the DOWNLOADS tab on the school website.

If you are unsure about your dress or have any questions, you can come to the office and ask. Bringing in a picture of the dress, or even better, a picture of YOU in the dress will be helpful when it comes to making a decision regarding your dress.

*Have Fun!  
Show Your Personal Style!  
Make Good Choices!*

