

BOWLING GREEN SCHOOL

Dance Dress Code and Policies

Bowling Green School's goal is to ensure a safe and healthy environment that honors the values of our school. These policies emerge from our shared mission in promoting the Christian values that recognize the dignity and self-worth of all people. 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. These policies are not intended to take away from the excitement of the event but to ensure that all students respect the rights, integrity, and values of their fellow students.

Dress Code for Casual Dances (Sadie Hawkins, etc.)

Age appropriate modesty and taste are the overriding principles in determining dress for the dance. Keeping this in mind, the following dress code must be followed:

Ladies:

1. **SHORTS:** Short shorts are not permitted. Hemlines must be no higher than **three inches above the top of the knee cap.**
2. **JEANS:** Must be in good taste **without** holes, frayed ends, patches, no "low-riders", etc.
3. **SKIRTS:** Skirts should be appropriate in length (**no shorter than three inches above the kneecap**), age-appropriate, fit properly, and be modest and in good taste.
4. **TOPS:** The following are permitted - spaghetti straps with a minimum one inch width, and halter tops cannot dip lower than the natural bra line. Strapless tops and tops with plunging necklines are **not** permitted. T-shirts with sleeves are allowed as long as there are no inappropriate logos or writing on them.
5. **SHOES:** Sandals and tennis shoes may be worn.
6. **Clothing that exposes a bare midriff is not allowed.**

Gentlemen:

1. Shorts and jeans (*no holes, frayed ends, patches, etc.*) are allowed.
2. T-shirts long enough to tuck in and **with sleeves** are allowed as long as there are no inappropriate logos or writings on them.
3. Sandals and tennis shoes are allowed.
4. Caps will be allowed as long as there are no inappropriate logos or writing on them.

Dressy Attire/Church Attire (Homecoming)

Age appropriate modesty and taste are the overriding principles in determining dress for the dance. Keeping this in mind, the following dress code must be followed:

Ladies:

1. Dresses are to be appropriate to be worn to church. Dresses must be no shorter than **three inches above the kneecap.** If the dress has a **slit**, the slit cannot be any higher than **three inches above the bend of the knee.** Dresses are **not** to have bare midriffs, fit too tightly, or cling to the body. They should not ride up as the student walks, sits, or dances.
2. Backless dresses may **not** be cut or dip **below the natural bra line.**
3. All necklines must be modest and in good taste. Dresses with plunging necklines are **not** permitted.
4. Dresses meet the neckline requirement.
5. Dresses that are laced together in the front, back or sides **cannot** reveal bare skin under the lacing.
6. Dresses with sheer panels or cut outs are **not allowed.**

Gentlemen:

1. Dress pants (*no sagging/baggy pants*) are required. "Dark slacks" or "khaki" only. Jeans of any kind are **NOT** acceptable.

2. Dress shirts and dress shoes are required.
3. Gentlemen should wear a tie.
4. A jacket is optional.
5. Shirts must be worn the entire dance.
6. Caps are not to be worn at any time during the dance.

Formal Dance (Personality/Prom)

Age appropriate modesty and taste are the overriding principles in determining dress for the dance. Keeping this in mind, the following dress code must be followed:

Ladies:

1. Dresses are to be formal or semi-formal.
2. Skirts and dresses must be no more than three inches above the top of the kneecap. If the dress has a slit, the slit cannot be any higher than three inches above the kneecap.
3. Dresses are not to have bare midriffs, fit too tight, or cling to the body. They should not ride up as a student walks, sits, or dances.
4. Backless dresses may not be cut or dip below the top portion of the natural waist line.
5. All necklines must be modest and in good taste. Dresses with plunging necklines are not permitted.
6. Dresses may have spaghetti straps, halter type tops, cold shoulder, or strapless as long as they meet the neckline requirement.
7. Dresses that are laced together in the front cannot reveal bare skin under the lacing.
8. Dresses with sheer panels or cut outs are not allowed.
9. Dress shoes are required.

Gentlemen:

1. Tuxedos or dress shirts/slacks are required. (Tux is required for the PROM)
2. Tuxedos and suits cannot have any logo or design other than normal material patterns. *No "zoot" suit.*
3. No chains are allowed.
4. Pants cannot be too big or sagging (*belt or suspenders must be worn*)
5. Gentlemen must wear an appropriate tie or bow tie.
6. Dress shoes are required.
7. Shirts must be worn the entire dance.
8. Generally speaking, hats are not allowed. However, if the hat is a part of the formal attire of Prom tux, check with the administration BEFORE the event to see if it is appropriate to wear to prom.

If students have any doubt about the appropriateness of their attire, they should ask a school administrator or bring the questionable outfit prior to the event rather than being embarrassed and turned away at the door.

Student and/or guest will not be allowed to have their picture taken by the professional photography if attire does not meet the BGS rules and regulations. If this occurs without the knowledge of the administration, the photographs will be withheld and no refunds given.

Expected Behavior at School Dances

- 1. Students/guests must arrive and sign-in within 30 minutes of the start of the dance and may NOT leave until the dance is over. All BGS dances are lock-ins. At NO time is a student and or his/her date to leave the premises of the dance area. There are numerous chaperones available if a situation occurs.**
- 2. Guests must fill out the guest form and turn it in to the Front Office before the day of the dance. The school will call and verify information.**
- 3. A Bowling Green student may bring only one guest from another high school. Jr. high students (8th grade and below) are not permitted to attend high school dances.**
- 4. School personnel may inspect jackets, purses, etc., before admitting a student to the dance. Students are encouraged to leave these type items either at home or locked in their car. Students bring valuables at their own risk.**
- 5. All aspects of the Bowling Green Substance Abuse policy are in effect at dances. Based on a reasonable suspicion, the Administration may request that a breathalyzer test be given to the student in order to determine if the student is under the influence of alcohol.**
- 6. For the duration of the dance, students will be expected to be mindful of the principles that guide Bowling Green School's dress code.**
- 7. All dance styles must comply with standards of Christian morality, standards that include modesty and safety. School personnel will be the final judge of the appropriateness of dance style. School personnel will confront any student behavior or dancing deemed inappropriate. Inappropriate dancing includes, but is not limited to, the following: slam dancing, grinding, break-dancing, moshing, "freaking", sexually suggestive, or otherwise inappropriate or dangerous dancing.**
- 8. Students violating any of these rules may be asked to leave the dance and the parents will be notified.**
- 9. Students who have been expelled, or who are currently on suspension from BGS or any other school, will not be allowed to attend dances.**
- 10. Any student and or guest not meeting the dress and behavior expectations will be asked to leave the dance with his/her *parents*. These students are not allowed to attend the next scheduled dance and suspended for one school day.**
- 11. It is the responsibility of the BGS student to inform his/her guest of all dance regulations and policies.**

Guest Policy:

- 1. All guests of Bowling Green students must be registered and approved by the Administration. A “Dance Permission Form” is available at the front desk in the office. To be placed on a guest list, guests must be approved by the BGS Administration at least 24 hours before the dance.**
- 2. Guests must be under 20 years of age.**
- 3. Guest MUST BE in compliance with BGS dance dress code, rules and regulations.**
- 4. Students who have been expelled, or who are currently on suspension, will not be allowed to attend dances.**
- 5. It is the responsibility of the BGS student and his/her guest to complete the “DANCE PERMISSION FORM” and get the approval from the administrator of the guest’s school to sign the form.**
- 6. In the event of any violation of these regulations or any other behavior deemed inappropriate, the parents and the Principal of the guest’s school will be notified of the incident.**

BOWLING GREEN DANCE PERMISSION FORM

Name of Dance: _____

Bowling Green student and student's guest must complete this form and turn it in to the FRONT OFFICE within one day PRIOR to the date the dance is scheduled. This form will NOT be accepted at the door.

Today's Date: _____

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Please print and sign where indicated:

I have read all the information in this packet. I understand that it is MY responsibility to inform my guest of BGS dance dress code, rules and regulations. I further understand that if my guest or I violate these rules, I will be suspended one day from school and not be allowed to attend the next scheduled dance.

Bowling Green Student's name:

(Print) _____ **Grade:** _____

(Signature) _____

BGS's Principal's signature: _____

GUEST INFORMATION

Guest's name & parent's name and phone/cell:

(Parent signature) _____

(Phone # and Cell #) _____

Guest Name (print) _____ **Grade:** _____

Guest understands he/she MUST BE in compliance with BGS dance dress code, rules and regulations.

Name of High School guest attends: _____

Principal's signature Guest school: _____

(Principal's signature indicates student has not been expelled or is currently on suspension.

The student is in good standing at his/her high school.)