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# Formal Event Attire Standards



# Why does CVCA have a dress code for formal events?

We want each of you to have fun at CVCA's formal events and ask that you dress appropriately and modestly. The following pages detail our formal dress standards. We expect students and guests to know and to adhere to these standards. Because CVCA Staff and Administration will enforce this dress code at each event, students should make sure their attire meets the dress code BEFORE the night of the event.

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## Ladies:

To reinforce the Student Appearance Standards that CVCA has established and are outlined in the Student-Parent handbook, student and parental cooperation is needed. We understand that this process is somewhat subjective in nature, especially when the same dress can fit each young lady differently. However, to guide this process, we have established this more detailed description (with pictures) of standards expected for both young men's attire and young ladies' dresses that we believe are in keeping with the spirit of our Student Appearance Guidelines.

### Permitted:

- Knee-length or floor-length gowns
- One-shouldered dresses
- Open back dresses
- Slits no higher than mid-thigh
- Form-fitting, but not so snug that it reveals too much
- Strapless – neckline should be NO LOWER than 4 inches from base of neck

### Dresses with the following characteristics do NOT meet the modesty requirement:

- Excessively tight or clingy material that shows every curve

- Backless dresses open below the belly button
- Low-cut dresses with cleavage showing
- Excessively short hemline or high slit
- Midriff showing (No 2-piece dresses, mesh, cut-outs)
- No undergarments should be visible

In the spirit of wanting students to attend, enjoy, and make lasting memories and to avoid any uncomfortable situations concerning dress choices, all young ladies are encouraged to submit photos of their dresses for approval before the event (both CVCA students AND guests of CVCA students). Photos will need to be taken from the front and the back of the dress while worn by the young lady. These photos can be submitted to Mrs. Cyndi Holmes, Assistant Dean of Students. Dress photos should be **emailed to [cholmes@cvcaroyals.org](mailto:cholmes@cvcaroyals.org)** for approval.

We understand that some families may feel uncomfortable submitting photos for approval. If a family opts not to send photos of the dress of choice and the dress does not meet CVCA's guidelines for Formal Banquet Attire Standards, the student may not be permitted to attend the event.

## Gentlemen:

### Permitted:

- Suit or tuxedo
- Sport coat
- Dress slacks
- Collared shirt
- Tie
- Belt

### Not Permitted:

- Joggers or sweatpants
- Cargo pants
- Shorts
- T-shirts/tank-tops

Young men must keep their dress shirts on and buttoned for the entire banquet and during dancing. If a student does not meet the Formal Attire guidelines, he may not be permitted to attend the event.

## Additional Guidelines:

- No undergarments should be visible.
- No pinning with safety pins will be allowed to bring attire up to code.

### NOTE:

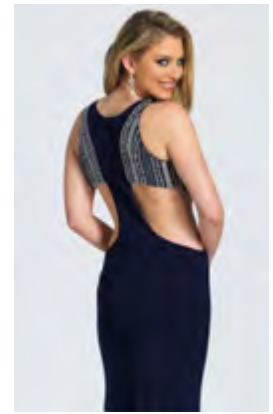
If you choose to bring a date outside the CVCA community, please provide him or her with a copy of CVCA's Formal Event Attire Standards. Thank you.

### DRESS SIDES:

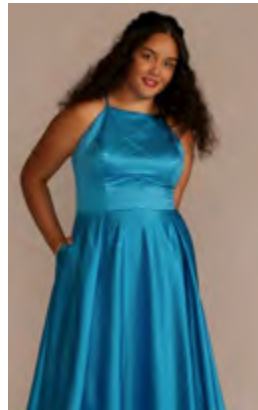
Dresses may not be cut below the bust line at the sides.

With arms down at your side, if skin touches skin below the bust line, it does **not** meet code.

Inappropriate



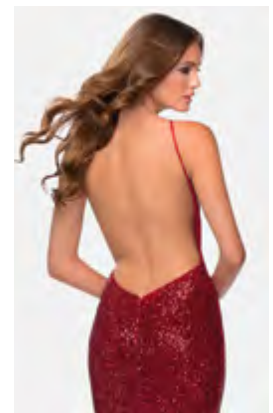
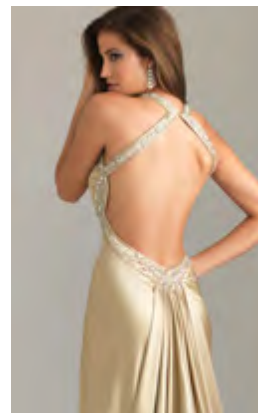
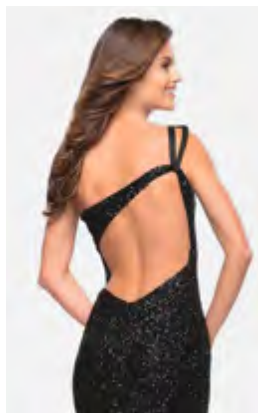
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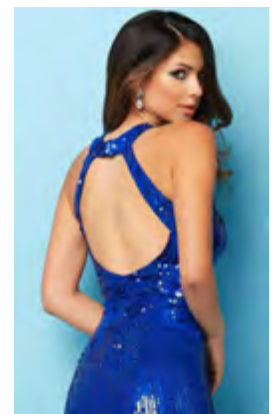
### DRESS BACK:

Dresses may have an open back, but the dress must **not** go lower than the belly button.

Inappropriate



Appropriate



Inappropriate



**SKIRT SLIT:**

Dresses may **not** have a slit that exceeds mid-thigh. This would be fingertip length.

Appropriate



Inappropriate



**DRESS FABRIC:**

Dresses may **not** be made of see-through fabrics or nude looking fabrics such as tulle, netting or illusion.

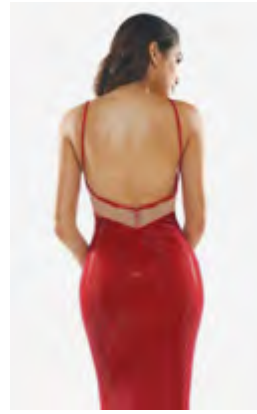
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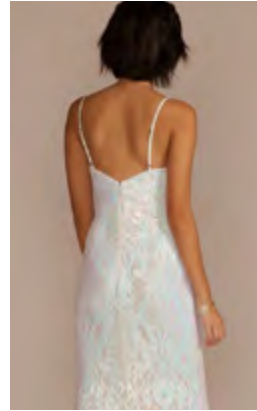
### DRESS FIT:

While dresses can be form fitting, they should **not** be so tight that you can see every curve of your body.

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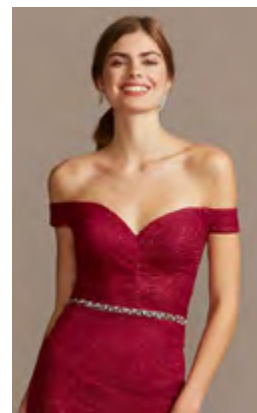


### NECKLINE:

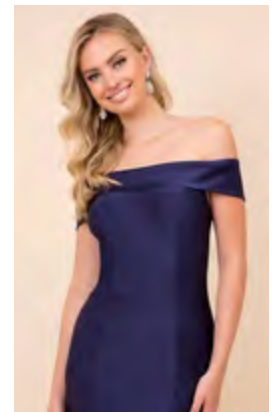
Strapless is okay if the neckline is not too low.

Necklines must not be lower than four inches from the base of the neck.

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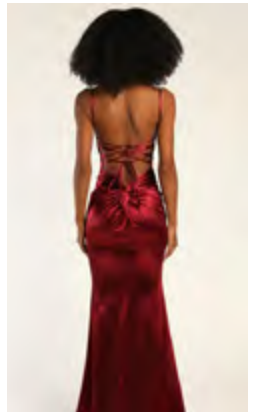
**DRESS LENGTH:**

Dress length should not be higher than mid thigh.

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Inappropriate Samples



Appropriate Samples



**SLACKS:**

Dress slacks only. No jeans, cargo pants, casual pants, etc.

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**SHIRT/JACKET:**

Dress shirt with a tie and collar. Dress coats are optional.

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If you have any questions about a dress or suit, please contact Mrs. Cyndi Holmes,  
Assistant Dean of Students at [cholmes@cvcroyals.org](mailto:cholmes@cvcroyals.org).