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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. The following pages detail our formal dress standards. We desire to partner with families to help students and guests adhere to these standards.

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.

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### Ladies:

**Dresses with the following characteristics do NOT meet our standards:**

- Excessively tight or clingy material
- Backless dresses
- Low-cut dresses with cleavage showing
- Excessively short hemline or high slit
- Midriff showing (No flesh toned, mesh, or cut-outs with regard to midriff)
- No undergarments should be visible

To avoid any uncomfortable situations concerning dress choices, all young ladies are welcome to submit photos of their dresses before the event (both CVCA students AND guests of CVCA students). These photos can be submitted to Mrs. Cyndi Holmes [cholmes@cvcroyals.org](mailto:cholmes@cvcroyals.org).

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### 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.

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### Additional Guidelines:

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

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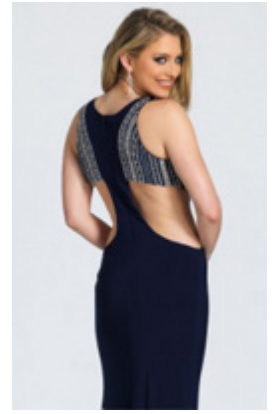
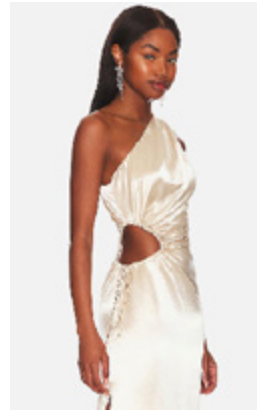
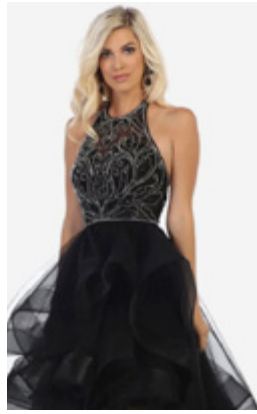
If you choose to bring a date outside the CVCA community, please provide him or her with a copy of CVCA's Formal Event Attire Standards. Thank you.

### DRESS SIDES:

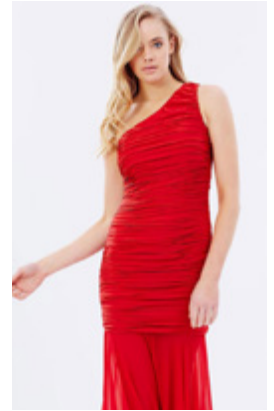
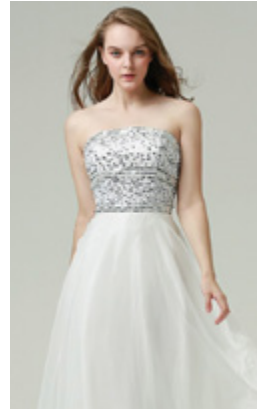
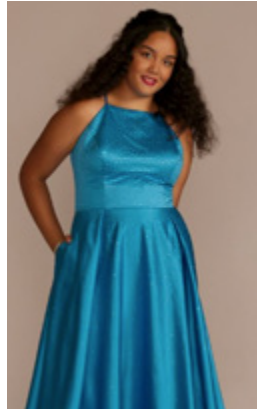
Dresses may not be cut below the bust line at the sides.

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

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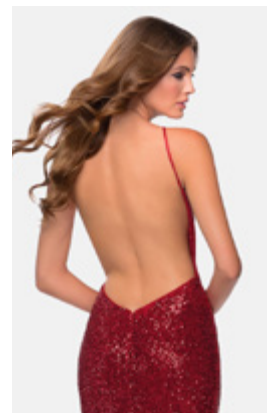
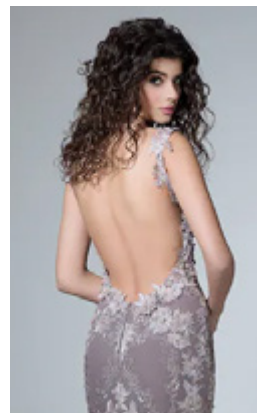
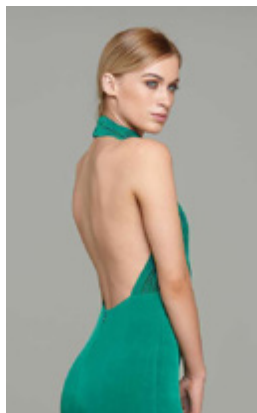
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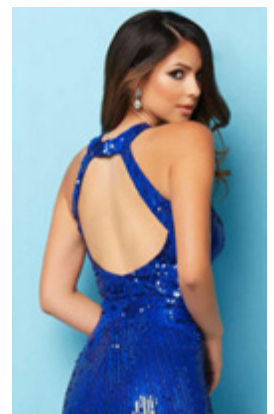
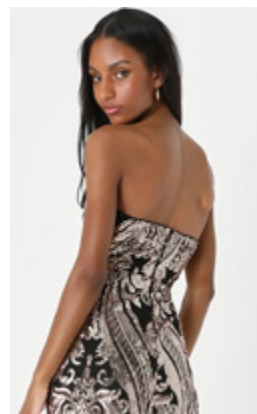
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Dresses may have an open back, but the dress must **not** be backless.

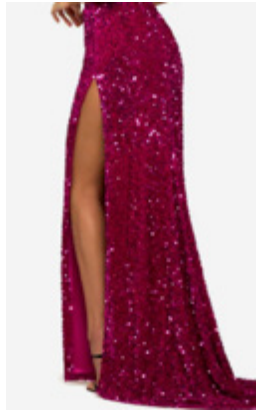
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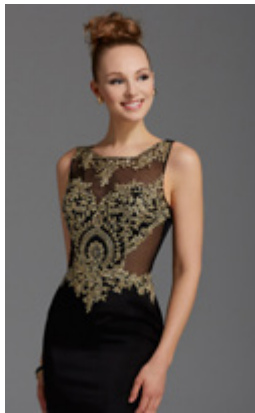
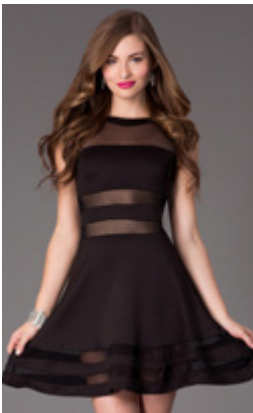
**SKIRT SLIT:**

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

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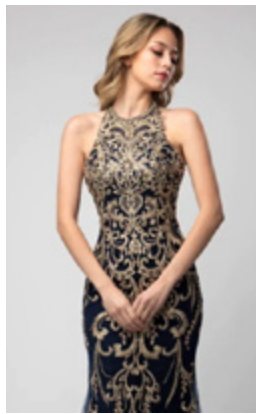
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**DRESS FABRIC:**

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

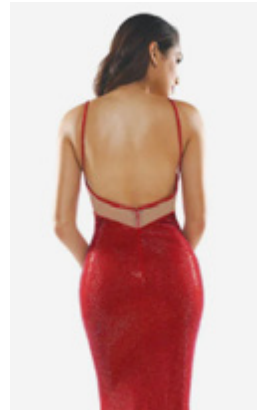
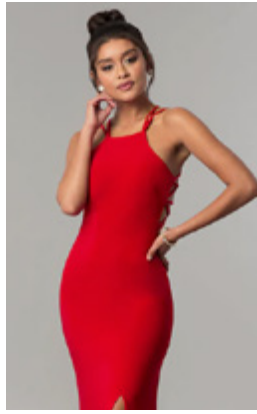
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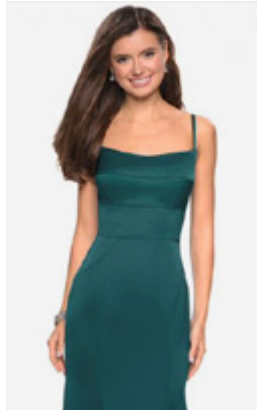
### DRESS FIT:

While dresses can be form fitting, they should **not** be excessively clingy or tight.

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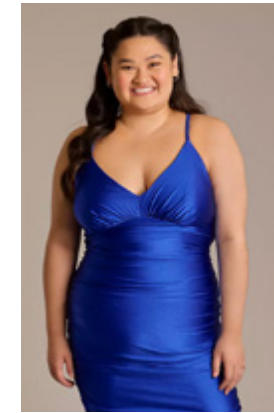
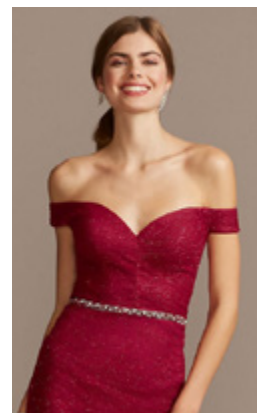
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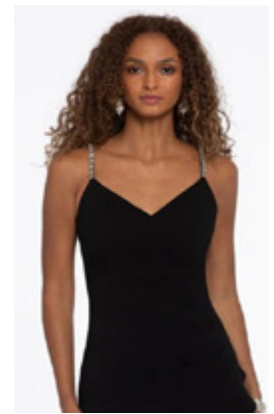
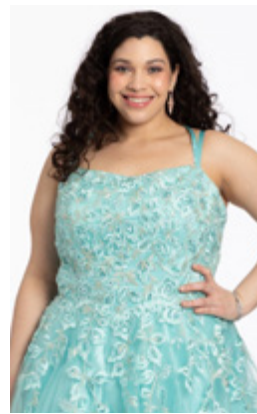
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Strapless is okay if the neckline is not too low.

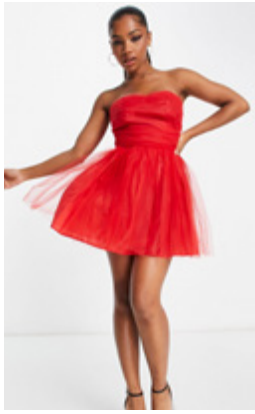
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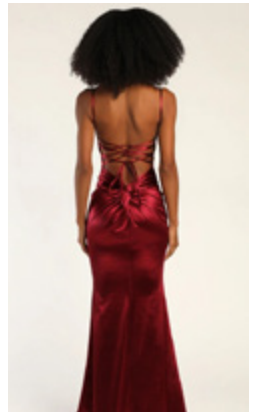
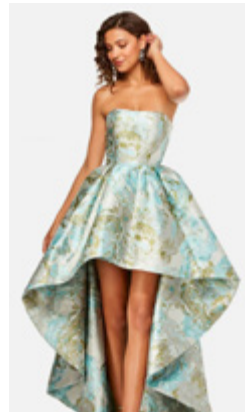
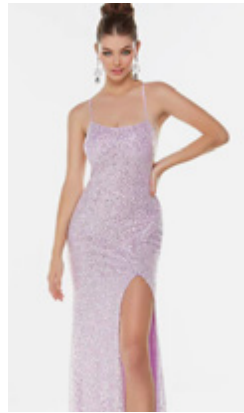
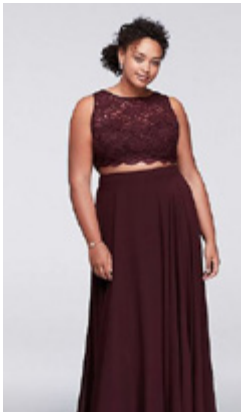
**DRESS LENGTH:**

Dress should be no shorter than fingertip length above mid thigh.

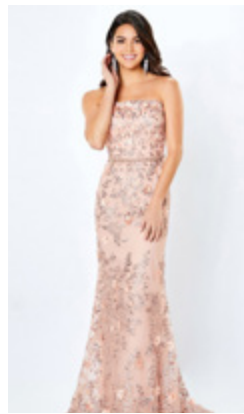
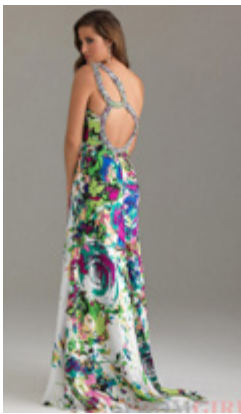
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**SLACKS:**

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@cvcaroyals.org](mailto:cholmes@cvcaroyals.org) before Friday, April 28, 2023.