

Archbishop Walsh Academy

Prom Dress Code Guidelines

Although prom is a special occasion, it is also a formal occasion, and as a Catholic school, we believe that modesty is a value we must uphold. Students who arrive in attire that is inappropriate for the occasion or deviates from modesty will be delayed admission until their attire complies with the code below. This includes guests from other schools, so please share these guidelines with any guests that might attend prom.

Boys

A tuxedo or suit must be worn (full-length pants, dress shirt, and tie are required). Dress shoes and socks must be worn. Tasteful formal accessories are also permitted (e.g. suspenders, canes, gloves). Formal hats are acceptable, but casual hats--e.g. baseball hats, ski hats, cowboy hats--are not. Hair should be well-groomed and/or coiffed without accessories. No pierced body parts are to be visible. No visible tattoos.

Girls

A dress or gown that is appropriately fitted must be worn with dress shoes. The front and sides of the dress must be opaque fabric from the bust line through the hips; the back of the dress must be opaque fabric from the middle of the ribcage through the hips. The neckline of the dress must be above the bust line at all points (i.e. no plunging necklines or exposed cleavage). Hemlines for dresses must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee joint (where the knee bends). Slits in the dress must be no higher than 4 inches above the knee joint (where the knee bends). No pierced body parts are to be visible except the ears. No visible tattoos.

Questions Concerning Appropriate Attire:

We will offer all students (both Archbishop Walsh students and guests from other schools) the opportunity to submit an outfit for approval. If you wish to do this, please bring the outfit to school for evaluation by the administration.

Please keep in mind these guidelines are to protect you, your personal respect, and your modesty. The administration's goal is to ensure that everyone looks elegant and respectful. These guidelines are intentionally detailed and reasonable. Please do not submit or wear outfits that clearly do not meet the aforementioned requirements. Administration reserves the ability to make qualifying decisions regarding appropriate attire at any time.