

Student Proposed Modified Dress Code for Formal Dances

Over twenty students, including students from the Superintendent Student Advisory Committee, Student Council, National Honor Society, and other students in leadership roles, met with Mr. Butts and Dr. Ceyanes on Thursday, October 25, 2007, to develop the first draft of the modified dress code for formal dances. The students came to consensus on the provisions listed below. The students will present these standards to the Board of Trustees on November 12, 2007, and to the Campus and District Leadership Teams consisting of teachers, parents, business representatives, and community members in the upcoming weeks. After obtaining feedback from all of the above listed groups, the administration will make the final modifications to the dress code for formal dances and present those to the Board of Trustees prior to implementation.

Dress Code for Formal Dances including Homecoming and Prom

1. No midriff should be visible for any students, male or female. The midriff is defined as the mid-region of the human torso, including the front, back, and sides.
2. No low-cut garments that expose cleavage (female students) or the chest (male students).
3. All garments for male and female students must be no higher than three inches above the kneecap.
4. Mesh, lace, or any other "see-through" material does not count as coverage for the required areas specified in the code.
5. Strapless dresses may not be cut lower than the bottom of the shoulder blades in the back.
6. Strapped dresses may not be cut lower than the elbow joint in the back.
7. If a student or parent has a question as to whether a low-cut garment exposes cleavage or is too low-cut in the back, then the student and/or parent is responsible for obtaining "pre-approval" from a same gender staff member appointed by the campus principal. Pictures of garments on models are not acceptable for "pre-approval." The appointed same gender staff member must observe the student wearing the garment in person prior to the event to obtain the "pre-approval."

*Please note that this is the first draft of the dress code as requested by our students. The administration will release the final modified dress code after receiving additional feedback from teachers, parents, business representatives, and community members utilizing the process described above.