



Lincoln Lutheran Guidelines for Formal and Semi-Formal Dances

The following dress guidelines are intended to maintain a safe, modest, and Christian environment for our students to enjoy formal and semi-formal dances. If you are bringing an outside guest, it is your responsibility to inform them of these guidelines. All dance attendees, both gentlemen and ladies, should submit a picture of their dance attire to the dance coordinator for approval. Attendees arriving at a dance wearing unacceptable attire will be asked to correct their clothing or they will not be admitted to the dance. They will not be refunded their ticket price.

Gentlemen:

- Dress shirt with a collar must be worn.
- Dress slacks are required (no jeans or shorts).
- Tuxedos or suits are customary for prom, but not required.
- Closed-toe shoes must be worn. No sandals or flip flops are allowed.

Ladies:

- Neckline must reveal no cleavage. The guide for measuring the neckline should be no lower than the distance measured down from the base of the neck by the width of the student's hand. Straps are not required, but on some dress styles, they prevent a dress from shifting downward and becoming out of compliance.
- Midriff must be completely covered (no mesh or sheer fabric). Two-piece dresses will be allowed provided that the midriff is not exposed at any time, even when the arms are raised.
- The entire dress back must reach no lower than three inches from the bottom of the shoulder blade.
- The hemline or highest point of a slit in the dress must be no higher than six inches from the top of the kneecap.
- Dresses should not be excessively tight, which could cause student dress to become out of compliance from student movement.

If any student has questions concerning their dance attire, please contact the dance coordinator.

The following are other dance guidelines to promote our Christian values during formal and semi-formal dances. If you bring an outside guest, it is your responsibility to inform them about the guidelines.

- Outside guest forms must be completed and submitted by the stated due date.
- Once attendees arrive at a dance, they will not be allowed to leave and re-enter the dance.
- A parent/guardian will be contacted if attendees do not arrive at the dance within the first half-hour unless a sponsor has been contacted.
- A parent/guardian will be contacted if attendees leave the dance more than an hour before it ends unless a sponsor was previously notified.
- For prom, attendees leaving the dance early will not be allowed to attend post-prom.
- Dancing should be modest and safe. Couples should face each other during slow dances. No crowd-surfing is allowed. And leave room for Jesus.
- Lincoln Lutheran students are prohibited from the use of drugs, alcohol, and traditional or electronic tobacco products. A breathalyzer will be available to test any student or guest suspected of alcohol use. We want you to have a safe, fun, dance. If you are thinking about using illegal substances, don't.