

PVIS Cotillion – Myths and Facts

Myth #1: Cotillion students are allowed 2 excused absences each year.

Fact: Attendance is expected at all dances. Students are to make their best effort to attend all dances so as to maintain the balance of male to female students and to advance their dance and etiquette instruction. No absence is “excused”. By writing a letter of regret, the student strives to remain in good standing with PVIS Cotillion. Missing more than 2 dances may affect a student’s acceptance into Cotillion the following year. This is the same standard that is applied to Assembly students. Cotillion attendance is the number one factor considered by Assembly when determining which students to accept.

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Myth #2: Cotillion is like a school dance/party and dress length does not matter.

Fact: Cotillion is not the same as a school dance. It is an enrichment class held on the PVIS campus. The dress code is in place to maintain a modest environment. During the evening, students spend time sitting on benches across the room from each other. Short or tight dresses make it difficult for girls to sit or dance without showing their undergarments. Additionally, the girls spend the entire evening dancing which includes raising their arms and twirling, making their dresses even shorter. Girls should keep this in mind when dressing for the evening. Dress code violations have kept students from being accepted into PV Assembly.

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Myth #3: It’s OK to have a short dress if I wear booty shorts underneath.

Fact: Booty shorts do not make a short dress acceptable. Girls wearing short dresses will be asked to wear gym shorts or call home for a replacement dress.

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Myth #4: Theme/Costume dances do not have a dress code.

Fact: The basic dress code tenet of modest attire applies to all Cotillion dances. This may mean your child cannot wear the same outfit they plan to wear for Halloween. Dresses/shorts should not be short, necklines should not be revealing, undergarments should not be showing, clothing should not be torn or have holes that reveal skin. Additionally, simply wearing jeans and hoodies does not qualify as an appropriate costume. There needs to be a theme/character otherwise the student should wear standard semi-formal attire. Gory, extremely scary or inappropriate costumes will not be admitted.

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Myth #5: If a sibling is/was in Assembly or a parent is an Assembly Patroness, a student will automatically be accepted into PV Assembly.

Fact: "Legacy" students, or those who have/had siblings in Palos Verdes Assembly are evaluated using the same criteria as non-"Legacy" students. If a "Legacy" student misses dances or has dress code or behavior violations, his/her acceptance into Assembly may be denied. Acceptance is dependent upon each student's qualifications and the number of applications received in any given year.