



January 2019

**Junior Dance (Semi-Formal) and Senior Prom (Formal) Dress Guidelines
2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR**

The administration and faculty want you to make good and appropriate choices, not inhibit your style. However, Junior Dance and Senior Prom are SCHOOL SPONSORED events which require appropriate attire. We want everyone to be comfortable and safe.

Dress Code for Junior Dance and Senior Prom: Student dances, like all events and activities sponsored by Archbishop Ryan High School, must reflect the Catholic character and identity of this educational institution. The Junior Dance is a semi-formal event and the Senior Prom is a formal event.

(This policy applies to Homecoming Dance, Father-Daughter Dance, Winter Formal, Senior Dance, Freshman/Sophomore Dance, Mother-Son Dance, Junior Dance, and Senior Prom)

1. Dresses may not be cut below the bust-line in the front; *this includes plunging necklines and cut-outs below the bust line.*
2. Dresses may be backless; however, they may not be cut below the natural waist.
3. Two-piece dresses are permitted; however, **no more than 1 inch** of the midriff should be exposed.
4. ***Dresses may not be shorter than or have a slit that exceeds 3 inches above the knee.***
5. Dresses may not utilize see-through fabrics, such as (but not limited to) tulle, netting, or “illusion,” below the bust line.
6. No pinning will be allowed as an alteration to a dress, if without the pins the dress does not meet the dress code. You will not be allowed to pin dress to make it meet the guidelines while waiting to enter the prom/formal dance. Fabric inserts must be sewn-in as alterations to the dress.
7. Dresses must meet the dress code without the addition of a cover-ups (shawls/wraps, sweaters, coats, etc).
8. Undergarments must not be visible.
9. **Buying your formal dress is an expensive purchase. Please keep the dress code for formal dance/prom in mind as you shop for your attire - Expenses paid out for a dress not meeting the dress code will NOT be considered or reimbursed under any circumstances**
 - Attire worn by someone else to another dance or highlighted in the Prom Fashion Show is not automatically “appropriate” for our dances, per the above guidelines. The dress must be appropriate for the wearer.
 - While we will be reasonable in our interpretation of these guidelines, students will be held accountable for them if in violation. Students and guests dressed inappropriately will not be permitted to have a formal portrait picture taken at the event.
 - Students violating the code will be given the option of wearing a provided cover-up or calling a parent to take them home. Students in violation may receive demerits.

Student's name: (Print) _____

Student's signature: _____ Section: _____

Parent's signature: _____ Date _____