

## **Illinois Lutheran High School Dance Dress Code and Policies**

Our goal is to insure a safe and healthy environment that honors the values of our school. These policies emerge from our shared mission in promoting Christian values that recognize the dignity and self-worth of all people. Within this setting, dances are viewed as an opportunity for students to socialize in a supervised and safe environment. Student behavior and manner of dress should reflect this guiding principle.

### **Dress Code**

#### **Casual Dances**

Age appropriate modesty and taste are the overriding principles in determining dress for the dance. Keeping this in mind, the school dress code must be followed.

#### **Semi Formal Dances**

Age appropriate modesty and taste are the overriding principles in determining dress for the dance. Keeping this in mind, the following dress code must be followed:

##### Ladies

- Dresses are to be semi-formal. Dresses must be of modest length (no shorter than approximately 3 inches above the knee). If a dress has a slit, the slit must be of modest length (no higher than approximately 3 inches above the knee). Dresses are not to have bare midriffs or cling to the body. Any dress should not ride up as the student dances.
- Backless dresses may not be cut below the natural bra line.
- All necklines must be modest and in good taste. Dresses with plunging necklines are not permitted. All necklines must fully cover below the natural bra line (armpit to armpit).
- Dresses may have spaghetti straps, halter type tops, cold shoulder, or strapless as long as they meet the neckline requirement.
- Dresses that are laced together in the front cannot reveal bare skin under the lacing.
- Dresses with sheer panels or cut outs are not allowed.

##### Gentlemen

- Dress pants (no sagging/baggy pants) are required. Pants must be worn at waist.
- Dress shirts and tie are required.
- A jacket is optional.
- Dress shirts must be worn and tucked in entire dance.

## **Formal Dance**

Age appropriate modesty and taste are the overriding principles in determining dress for the dance. Keeping this in mind, the following dress code must be followed:

### Ladies

- Dresses are to be formal. Dresses must be of modest length (no shorter than approximately 3 inches above the knee). If a dress has a slit, the slit must be of modest length (no higher than approximately 3 inches above the knee). Dresses are not to have bare midriffs or cling to the body. Any dress should not ride up as the student dances.
- Backless dresses may not be cut below the natural bra line.
- All necklines must be modest and in good taste. Dresses with plunging necklines are not permitted. All necklines must fully cover below the natural bra line (armpit to armpit).
- Dresses may have spaghetti straps, halter type tops, cold shoulder, or strapless as long as they meet the neckline requirement.
- Dresses that are laced together in the front cannot reveal bare skin under the lacing.
- Dresses with sheer panels or cut outs are not allowed.

### Gentlemen

- Pants cannot be too big or sagging. Pants must be worn at waist.
- Dress shirts and tie are required.
- Shirts must be worn and tucked in the entire dance.
- Tuxedos and suits cannot have any logo or design other than normal material Patterns.

If students have any doubt about the appropriateness of their attire, they should ask a school's faculty representative ahead of the event rather than be placed in the embarrassing situation of being turned away at the door.

## **Expected Behavior at School Dances**

1. Once a student or guest leaves, he/she may not re-enter.
2. Guests must fill out the guest form and turn it in to the office by specified deadline. Guest Permission Forms may be found online or in the office.
3. An Illinois Lutheran High School student may bring only one guest that is not a student at Illinois Lutheran High School.
4. The dance dress code applies for the duration of the dance.
5. All dance styles must comply with standards of Christian morality, standards that include modesty and safety. School personnel will be the final judge of the appropriateness of dance style. School personnel will address any student behavior or dancing deemed inappropriate. Inappropriate dancing includes, but is not limited to, the following: slam dancing, grinding, moshing, suggestive, or otherwise inappropriate or dangerous dancing.
6. Students violating any school policies or dance expectations may have their parents phoned and may be asked to leave the dance. Students who are in violation of school policies will also be subject to school disciplinary procedures.
7. Please note that Illinois Lutheran High School may modify the dress requirements for a theme dance or formal. In such circumstances, the school will provide clear instruction regarding the expectations for a particular dance.
8. Students who have been expelled or who are currently on suspension from Illinois Lutheran High School will not be allowed to attend dances.

## **Guest Policy**

1. A Dance Guest form is available online or in the office. To be placed on a guest list, the Guest Permission Form must be submitted to the office by the specified deadline. All guests of Illinois Lutheran High School students must be registered and approved by Illinois Lutheran High School's designated faculty representative.
2. Guests must be at least a freshman in high school and no more than 19 years of age.
3. Alumni are considered guests and also need a Guest Permission Form.
4. A member of Illinois Lutheran High School's faculty may contact the school administration of the person seeking guest approval.
5. In the event of any violation of these regulations or any other behavior deemed inappropriate, the administration of the guest's school will be notified of the incident.