

DRESS CODE FOR SPRING FORMAL:

ALL ATTENDEES:

- Dress to high standards of modesty and respectability in apparel ranging from semi-formal to formal attire.
 - Shoes must be worn at all times.
- By participating in YHSA's dances, attendees agree to abide by the Christian standards set forth by the group. Attire should match God-given gender.

GENTLEMEN:

- Semi-formal attire such as dress pants and button-down shirts with tie/bowtie may be worn.
- Button-down shirts must remain buttoned and ties must remain tied around the neck of the attendee.
 - As an alternative, formal attire such as tuxedos or dress blues may be worn.

LADIES:

- All modest dress styles are permitted.
- **Exclusions:** bare midriff (abdomen and back), cut-out sides, exposed cleavage, strapless dresses, slits in skirt
 - Sheer material (lace, chiffon, etc) is **NOT** acceptable coverage for exclusions listed above.
 - All gowns must be **BELOW** the bottom of the knee or longer.
 - Sheer material alone (lace, chiffon, etc) is **NOT** acceptable coverage above the knee.
- As an alternative, a woman's pant suit or woman's dress pants with a fancy top (that is of code) are permitted to be worn.

If you are uncertain about attire, you can reach out to the YHSA Events Chair or any YHSA Board Member.

We want to represent YHSA and what we stand for in our bylaws. Please respect them. If you don't adhere to the aforementioned dress code, you will not be admitted and parents will be contacted. We love our families and kids & want to guide them the best we can.

TYPES OF NECKLINES



Let's talk necklines...

- ❖ Halter neck dresses are perfectly acceptable; just make sure the neckline is NOT plunging, the sides are covered and that you are not showing mid-drift in the front, sides or back
- ❖ Illusion neckline dresses are okay as long as that illusion material is the same color as the dress - no flesh colored – and that cleavage, sides, and mid-drifts are all covered in a solid material (not illusion)
- ❖ Off-the-shoulder is perfectly fine! As long as those “sleeves” are ACTUAL sleeves and not just there for decoration – we want to make sure that dress stays up without you tugging on it all night
- ❖ One-Shoulder dresses are, again, perfectly fine
- ❖ Spaghetti Straps dresses are fine as long as the dress does not show cleavage, sides or mid-drift
- ❖ Keyholes are fine ONLY if they are small and not exposing cleavage
- ❖ The only necklines NOT acceptable are plunging necklines, strapless, anything showing cleavage, mid-drift (front, side, or back) or anything with cut-out sides. Plunging necklines, cutouts, mid-drift and cleavage exposing gowns are not modest and strapless dresses, while lovely, have a tendency to NOT stay in place and we want to avoid any accidents.

Now lets talk dress length and style...

- ❖ Most silhouettes are okay! Again, modesty is key here.
- ❖ All gowns must be BELOW the BOTTOM of the knee – NOT knee-length; the knee MUST be covered
- ❖ No slits - this may sound unreasonable to some, but we have had problems with dresses being cut too high and possible exposure so no slits.
- ❖ High-Low dresses are perfectly acceptable, as long as the entire knee is covered by the highest part of the skirt. If the knee is exposed, the dress does not meet code.



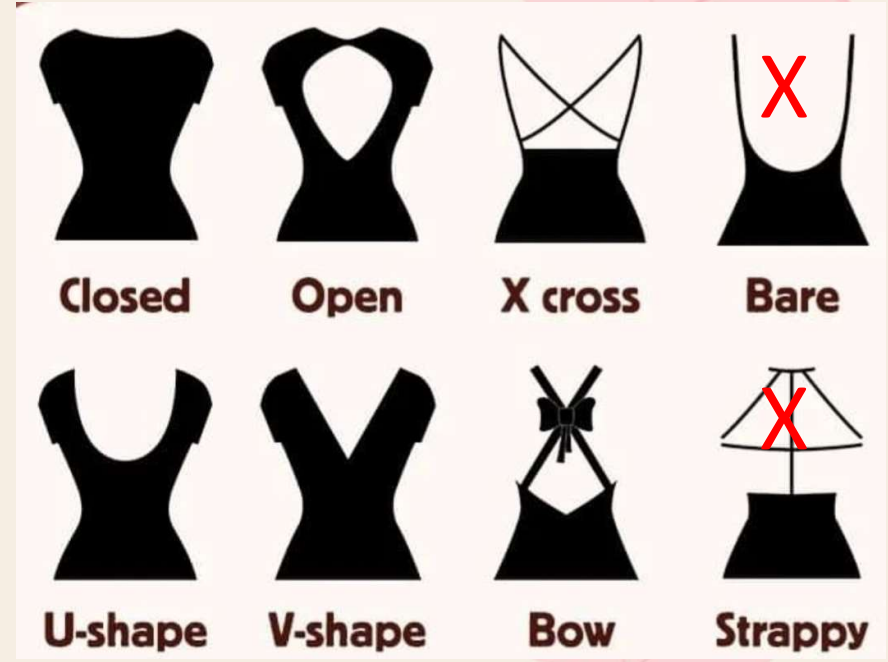
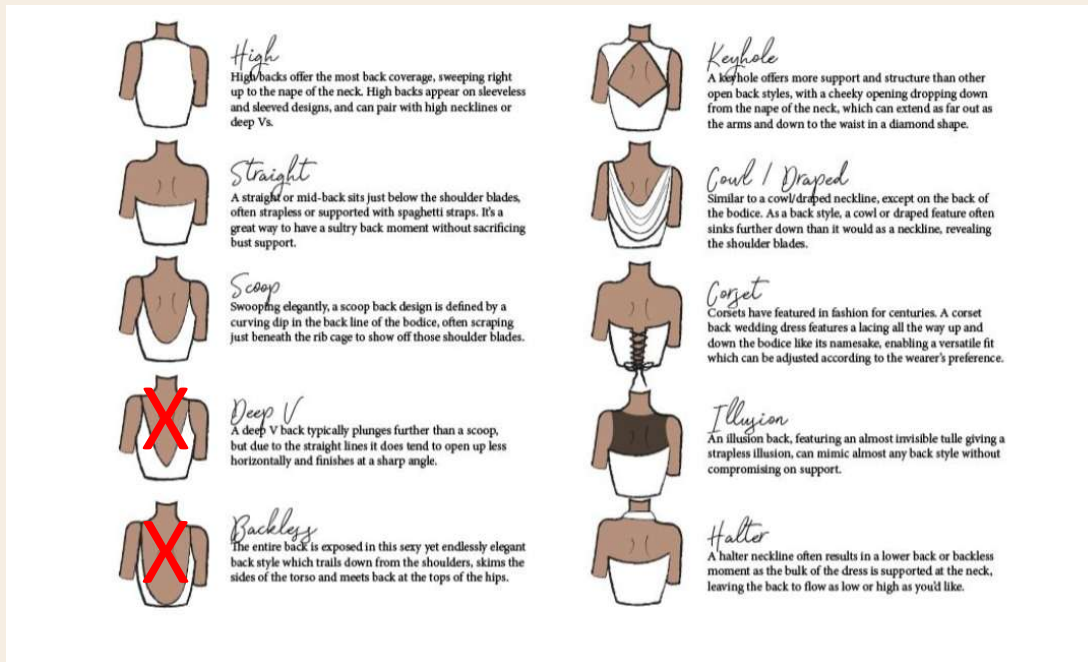
Why are these dresses a no? The slip dress has a slit and the Mini and Midi dresses are too short.



Why are these dresses a no? Dress #1, #2 and #5 all have slits. Dress #3 and # 6 are strapless and Dress #4 and #7 have plunging necklines.

And we can't forget the back... there is some confusion on what we mean by back midriff. This basically means that your lower half of your back should be covered.

- ❖ X-Cross, Cowl/Draped, Keyhole, Scoop, and Corset backs are all okay as long as the lower half of your back is covered
- ❖ Bare back, Backless, Deep V, and Strappy backs are NOT acceptable.
- ❖ Sides **must** be covered fully.
- ❖ Remember, the key word is **modest**.



Remember, these styles (the ones **without** the X) are only okay if the lower half of your back is covered

