

Columbus Catholic Dance Guidelines

At Columbus Catholic High School we strive to instill character in our students through virtues. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: *"Modesty is decency. It inspires one's choice of clothing. It keeps silence or Reserve where there is an evident risk of unhealthy curiosity. It is discreet."* (CCC 2522) For this reason we have created the following guidelines to ensure that all students are safe and respected at school dances to allow for an enjoyable, positive, and memorable experience for everyone. A final decision on the appropriateness of attire is at the discretion of the dance faculty supervisor.

Ladies:

- Skirts/dresses must be no higher than 6 inches from the true knee (this can be measured while dress shopping as the length of a dollar bill when kneeling).
 - If movement causes the dress to ride up, it may not go higher than 6 inches from the knee.
 - The dress should not have to be pulled down to maintain this measurement expectation.
 - If the dress has a slit, the slit must not be higher on the leg than the tip of the thumb when the arm and fingers are fully extended downward at the side.
- Tops cannot be low cut, revealing, or have a deep scoop neckline.
- No skin should be visible in the midriff area (midriff is defined as the front side of the body, between the waist and the chest). This prohibits sheer, mesh, and see-through fabrics.
- Jeans, T-shirts, and shorts are not allowed.
- Clothing should be clean and presentable – no rips or tears.

Gentlemen:

- A properly buttoned dress shirt and tie are required.
- Clean, presentable shoes in good condition are required (dress shoes preferred).
- Jeans, T-shirts, and shorts are not allowed.
- Clothing should be clean and presentable – no rips or tears.

Anyone who attends Coronation must follow the modesty standards of Columbus' daily dress code.

Dance Etiquette:

- Be positive and respectful of all those present
- No foul language
- No inappropriate dancing or gestures
- Listen to and obey dance supervisors and advisors
- Smoking, vaping, and alcohol are strictly prohibited

Mass Etiquette:

- Please be engaged during Mass by participating in singing and verbal responses while being attentive and respectful
- No holding hands or other showing of affection to your date during Mass
- Gum, food and beverage is not allowed
- If your dress has less than 2" straps you must cover your shoulders at Mass with a shrug, scarf, or other covering

***Students who do not uphold these expectations will receive consequences which may include detention and/or being asked to leave the dance.**