

Merryville High School

Standards for
Prom Dresses

Why do we have a dress code?

MHS staff and administration want you to make good choices.

We are not trying to inhibit your style.

Prom should be fun, but we want everyone to be comfortable and safe.

With modesty in mind,
the following dress code guidelines
will be enforced at the
Merryville High School Prom

#1

Dresses may not be cut below the bust line.

The bust continues around your sides directly under the armpit. With arms down at your side, if flesh touches flesh below the bust line, the dress is inappropriate.

Bust Line



Bust Line
(on the side)

This dress meets dress code.

Unacceptable Dresses



#2

Dresses may be backless as long as they are not cut below the naval.



Please note how the bust is covered on the sides.

These dresses meet the dress code.

Unacceptable Dresses



#3

Midriffs will not be exposed.

This includes both front and side.

With arms down at your side, if flesh touches flesh in the midriff section, the dress is inappropriate.



This dress meets dress code.

Unacceptable Dresses



#4

Dresses may not be shorter than, nor have a slit that exceeds mid thigh as determined by the standard fingertip rule.



This dress meets dress code.

Unacceptable Dresses



Pinning and Fabric Inserts

- No pinning will be allowed as an alteration for a dress if without the pins the dress does not meet dress code.
- Fabric inserts must be sewn not pinned on the dress if without the inserts the dress does not meet dress code.
- No cover-ups (coats, shawls, sweaters) will be allowed over dresses that do not meet dress code.

Prom Pictures

Dress for pictures taken at the dance must also meet dress code. You may not wear an inappropriate dress to take pictures and then change into one that does meet code for the dance.

While we will be reasonable in our interpretation of these guidelines, we want you to know that you will not be allowed into the dance if you are dressed inappropriately.

Most importantly, this dress code does not limit your ability to show your style and uniqueness.

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that DO meet the dress code.**



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- Make good decisions.
- Be safe.
- Have fun.

Questions about a specific dress?

Please see one of the following people:

- Mr. Pousson, Principal
- Mr. Schulz, Assistant Principal