



## Clear Lake Classical 9th-12th Grade Evening Ball Attire Guidelines for Ladies

Parents and Daughters,

Our goal is to have our young ladies learn how to dress appropriately for more formal occasions while feeling confident in the outfits they select. Rather than laying down “laws”, we’d like to partner with you to find a dress you love that honors the beautiful form Christ has given you. Our outward choices reflect the workings of our heart. Dressing with dignity and modesty demonstrates a keen awareness of our own value, and communicates respect for all attending the Clear Lake Classical formal.

Please look over and discuss with your daughters the general and specific dress guidelines set out below, and make sure the selected outfit meets the criteria. If you have any questions about any of the requirements, please contact Mrs. Nicholas at [enicholas@clearlakeclassical.org](mailto:enicholas@clearlakeclassical.org) or 515-422-6722.

**Dressing Room Checklist:** Dance around in your dress. If it is strapless does it slide down when dancing? Bend over... what shows? Twirl around... what shows? Raise your arms in the air... what shows? If nothing shows you have found a keeper! You will feel more comfortable and have more fun if you can move freely without having to worry about what might show!

Still not sure? If you are unsure whether your dress meets the guidelines please send a photo to Mrs. Nicholas and she will let you know if it is ok or not. If you have doubts about the length of your dress, bring some leggings along. We do not anticipate turning anyone away but will do so if the guidelines are not respectfully followed.

### **Evening Ball**

Think more formal occasions like a traditional prom or black-tie affair.

**Top:** Décolleté modestly covered, no cleavage, modest sweetheart necklines are acceptable as long as no cleavage shows. Back can show as far as 12” below the top of shoulder.

**Middle:** No cut-outs on the body of the dress. No two-pieces dresses that expose the midriff when hands are lifted in the air. No front to back cutaways that reveal the skin below the level of your armpits.

**Bottom:** When standing the length of the skirt should be no more than 2” above the knee. For long dresses, no slits higher than 2” above the knee. You’ll do lots of twirling and jumping throughout the night. If in doubt, wear leggings. Tights or pantyhose do not make up for a too-short dress.

**Overall Fit:** Make sure the dress is not too tight or see-through, no undergarment lines should show because fabric is too tight or too sheer.

While signed dress code acknowledgement forms are not required, all students are expected to be in compliance with the above guidelines. We look forward to a fun evening together!