



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

Parents and Sons,

Our goal is to have our young men learn how to dress appropriately for more formal occasions while feeling confident in the outfits they select. Please look over and discuss these guidelines together, and make sure the selected outfit meets the criteria. While a snug fit might be trendy, we have seen pant seams split during a dance - this is not a memory we want for our young men. 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. 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.

Top: Long-sleeve button down, collared shirt, tucked in. A tie or bow tie is required but may be removed after dinner is complete. Suit coat, blazer or a formal vest are encouraged but optional.

Bottom: Dress slacks, clean school khakis, or similar that are of a proper length and fit. No excessively short, tight, or baggy pants. No jeans, denim or joggers. No holes. A belt is required.

Overall Fit: A shirt that fits properly should be roomy enough that it does not pull at the buttons when standing straight with arms at your sides, and long enough that it does not come untucked when raising arms. Properly fitting pants should allow young men to 1) stand straight without undergarment lines showing 2) stand straight and pinch 1/2" to 1 inch of fabric on either side of the thigh - if it's less than that pants are too tight. 3) bend down easily without pants restricting movement 4) stand straight, bottom of the pant leg must reach at least to the top of the shoe.

Shoes: Shoes are to be close-toed only (e.g. no sandals, flip-flops, etc). Shoes must be neat and clean.

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