

Formal Dress Code

Formal events sponsored by Thornton Academy are expected to offer students a fun and memorable evening. It is expected that students who attend these events follow the behavioral expectations as outlined in the Student Handbook, including appropriate attire. With modesty and safety in mind, the following dress code guidelines will be enforced at Thornton's formal activities. The purpose of this dress code is not to inhibit any student's individual style, but to allow everyone to be comfortable and safe during the memorable formal events at Thornton. If you have a question about a dress, please bring a picture of the front and back of the dress to Mrs. Roche in the deans' office for approval.

Girls Dress Code:

Dresses may not be cut below the bust line (no plunging necklines)

Excessive cleavage is not allowed

Dresses may be backless as long as it is not cut below the naval

Midriff dresses are not permitted

Midriffs are not to be exposed

Dresses with side, front, or back slits that extend above mid-thigh are not permitted

Dress length must be mid-thigh in the front and back

Boys Dress Code:

Suits, sport coats, or tuxedos must be worn along with a tie and dress shoes

Canes will not be permitted unless medically necessary

Shirts must be buttoned up to second button from the collar

Pants should not sag below the waistline

It is nearly impossible to identify of all the situations that may occur when enforcing a dress code. The TA administration and staff will address other inappropriate dress code violations as the need arises, including at check-in at the events. Thornton Academy reserves the right to add, modify, or change our practices on a regular basis and as a situation requires staff to do so.