

# 2025-2026 Maranatha Christian High School Homecoming Dance

## Non-MCS Female Student Formal Attire Guidelines

This form is only for **NON-Maranatha Students**. Maranatha Students Formal Attire Form located electronically with the ParentSquare Homecoming post and is available when you purchase the ticket(s).

The school expects that parents will take responsibility for the attire worn by their child to all school events. The approval process, therefore, begins in the home. Traditional interpretations of modesty are often at odds with fashion and cultural trends. Romans 12:2 informs us, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Clothing should reflect the formality of the occasion, more like what you might wear to a wedding ceremony than to a nightclub. With that in mind, a group of students and parents, along with the school administration, have worked together (2023) to identify the following guidelines.

**Generally, if it is too short, too tight, or too low (front or back), it is not going to be acceptable.**

- Dresses may not be shorter than 3-inch below the fingertips when arms are extended at the sides. Front, side or back slits must conform to the standard of no higher than three inches from the bottom of the fingertips with arms extended at the side.
- Plunging necklines shall not be lower than 5 inches from the base of the neck (the intent of this rule is to eliminate/minimize viewable cleavage), missing backs, and sides are prohibited, as each creates more exposure than allowed by our modesty standards. The back of the dress may not be below the bra line.
- Midriff must be covered completely. To clarify the midriff is any part of the stomach, sides and lower back. This means, two piece dresses **MUST** overlap at the waist. The top **MUST** overlap with the skirt waistband at all times. Cut-outs, barely covered lace overlays, sheer fabric or backless dresses are not allowed
- Form fitting dresses are acceptable IF the body is substantially covered, and the dress meets the aforementioned guidelines. Any form fitting dress must cover the body more versus less. There is a difference between **form fitting** and **skin-tight** and as God has made us differently please be aware that skin tight dresses are not allowed. If the tightness of your dress causes the dress to ride-up shorter than the approved three (3) inches from the bottom of the fingertips when arms are extended at your sides when in movement, then it is prohibited.
- Strapless dresses can be worn as long as the bodice goes straight across armpit to armpit and does not plunge or reveal a cleavage line.

### Consequences for Non-Compliance

- In cases of violation, the student will be provided with the opportunity to come into compliance; if unable to comply they will be discreetly asked to leave
- Students who are not in compliance will be required to obtain administrative approval for future formals, which will include submitting photos to demonstrate compliance
- For non-compliant Seniors attending their last dance, community service projects will be identified and must be completed prior to attending any Senior/graduation activities

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## Non-MCS Female Student Formal Attire Guidelines

### **The Process of Approval for Females:**

- Parents are responsible for ensuring their child's attire conforms to our standards
- Parents must complete the following checklist and submit their signed acknowledgement form of compliance via a parent email address
- If you are unsure that your attire is appropriate, please confer with the Student Life Coordinator, Mrs. Visser or the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Clark to answer any questions

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### **DRESS APPROVAL CHECKLIST**

This form must be submitted one week prior to the event.

Submit signed form from parent email to [formalattire@gomcs1.com](mailto:formalattire@gomcs1.com).

\_\_ Dress length is no shorter than three inches from the bottom of the fingertips when arms are extended at the sides.

\_\_ Side or front slits run no higher than three inches from the bottom of the fingertips when arms are extended at the sides.

\_\_ Necklines must not extend more than 5 inches from the base of the neck in order to not expose cleavage.

\_\_ Dress backs may not be lower than the elbow and designed in such a manner as to cover "side cleavage".

\_\_ Cutouts or transparent materials do not expose cleavage, both front and side or show the midriff.

\_\_ If wearing form fitting dresses, the body is substantially covered and is not considered to be skin tight/tight with no wiggle room. The dress is not considered skin-tight.

\_\_ Dressing Room/At Home Test - Dances are not static events - the students dance/jump. The student has tested how the dress adjusts with movement and modesty standards are not compromised.

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MCS Host Student: Print Name and Grade

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MCS Host Student: Signature & Date

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Guest (non-MCS student): Print Name of Guest

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Guest Signature: Agreement of Guidelines

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MCS Host Student Parent: Print Name of Parent

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MCS Host Student Parent: Signature of Parent Acknowledgement & Date