

# Formal Dresses

It's that time of year again, ladies — time to start planning what you're going to wear to any UVCS formal. Dresses come in all colors, shapes, and sizes, and that's half the fun for us girls. But when selecting that gorgeous gown, it's important that we keep in mind that we need to honor our young men, honor our bodies, and honor God with what we wear. Not only that, but we want you to enjoy your night, and you won't enjoy it if you feel like you are falling out of your dress the whole time. We want everyone to be comfortable. So, here's a brief guideline.

**No's**

**No strapless dresses.** This one's pretty self-explanatory.

If you want to do some kind of spaghetti strap, make sure the straps are functional and are at least 1/4" thick. If you have questions about whether or not your straps are considered "functional," please ask Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Perkins or Mrs. Zink before the event. We'd hate to have to make you cover up with your

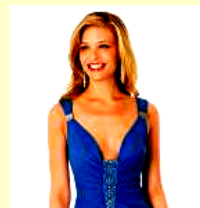


Although these straps appear to be 1/4" wide, they're not serving any functional purpose for the dress.

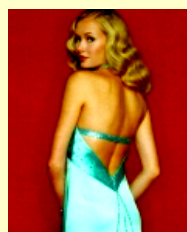
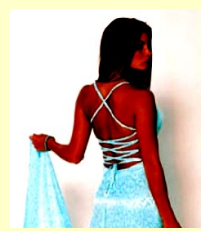
**No peep shows.** Your dress should cover up what the good Lord gave you. No cutouts or sheer areas over tummies or bosoms.



**No low-cut necklines.** We should not be able to see any bosoms when the dress wearer is bent over.



**No backless beauties.** Dresses with low-cut backs, backless dresses, or dresses with lace-up backs (where skin is showing underneath) are not allowed. Dresses must come up to a normal bra line in the back.



**No shorty dresses.** Dress length must be equal to or longer than school dress code (no shorter than top of 2" above the kneecap). Slits are acceptable, but must not go higher than 2" above the knee-



If inappropriate dresses are worn, we will do our best to fix the dress, or we may have to ask the student to leave (which won't be fun for anyone)

**Yeses**

Basically, any dress is acceptable that is modest and meets the requirements listed above. Here are just a few examples:



Halter dresses and tank-top dresses are great. Just make sure they don't drop too low in the front or the back.



Make sure Tarzan dresses don't swing too low.



Mermaid dresses are très chic. Just make sure you can breathe!



Sometimes simple can be the most elegant.

Don't panic! It's not difficult to find a dress that meets dress code. If you have any questions, talk to Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Zink or Mrs. Perkins