

# Formal Event Dress Code 2023-2024

The most difficult task for administration is the determination of modesty, which is often at odds with cultural fashion trends. Please, do not put the administration in a difficult position. We do not want to cause any embarrassment by having to notify a student who arrives at an event that their attire is inappropriate. Modesty is a somewhat subjective interpretation, but one we have a duty to uphold. Formal event dress code guidelines must be followed by all attendees at events (both current MCS students and off-campus guests). Attire should reflect a formal family occasion (like a wedding). To avoid confusion or issues at an event regarding dresses, select female MCS staff (Mrs. Green, Mrs. Hoppe, or Mrs. Pate) are happy to look at a picture of the student in the dress. However, this is not a requirement. Below you will find our formal dress code for events at Middletown Christian Schools.

### LADIES:

- Dress must include two straps (may use clear straps), two sleeves, or halter-style straps.
- Necklines may be no lower than 3 inches from the front center point of the clavicle (bottom center of the neck) at the lowest point.
- Dress backs should not be lower than a typical bra line.
- Slits in the dresses should be no higher than 1 inch above the knee.
- Hemline should be to the knee.
- All parts of the body between the neckline guideline and the hemline guideline must be fully covered.
- No cutouts or open midriffs.
- Pants, suits, or jumpers must meet the same coverage requirements as dresses.
- Clothing must be feminine in appearance.

### **GENTLEMEN:**

- Button-down dress shirts are required.
  - o No polos
  - No t-shirts
- Dress slacks or khakis are required
  - No jeans
  - No shorts
  - o No cargo pants
- Suit coats are allowed but not required.
- Ties are allowed but not required.
- Tuxedos are allowed but not required.
- Clothing must be masculine in appearance.



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I have read the formal event dress code requirements for Middletown Christian Schools. I will abide by the rules set in place by the administration and understand that these rules are subject to change throughout the school year. I also understand that failure to follow these dress code rules will result in consequences and loss of privileges relating to the dress code.

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- Dress backs may not be lower than 6 inches from the base of the neck.
- Slits in the dresses must be no higher than 1 inch above the knee.
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Parent/Guardian Signature	Date