



DELONE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

"Be Doers of the Word"

FORMAL ATTIRE GUIDELINES (PROM)

The goal of Delone Catholic High School Formal Attire Guidelines is to educate all students in order to make modest formalwear selections which mirror the Catholic values we are expected to uphold.

As a rule, choosing the best formal attire depends largely on the occasion. Events often have a dress code that could make some forms of attire inappropriate, even if it is relatively formal. For women, the best formal attire generally consists of a conservative dress or gown that corresponds with the formality of what the male attendees are wearing (e.g., black tie, white tie, etc.). In fashion, fabric and style are also considered when matching the degree of formality. When in doubt regarding what to wear, contact the host of the event.

All young women and men in attendance, whether a member of the Delone Catholic student body or a guest of a Delone Catholic student, must dress in formal attire that adheres to the following guidelines:

Formal Attire for Ladies

- The lowest point of the neckline should **not** show cleavage or extend below the underarm, with or without sheer fabric overlay.
- The lowest point of the gown back should not extend below the natural crease of the waistline, (smallest part of the waist when bent to one side), **with or without** sheer fabric overlay.
- The under layer of the gown should be solid fabric from the neckline to the hemline. The shortest point of the dress (all layers) should touch the knee cap (Semi-formal guidelines do not apply to formalwear with regard to length).
- Two-piece gowns are **not** allowed regardless of how much or little skin is showing.
- Slits are **not** allowed at any measurement.
- No "cut-outs" are allowed on any area of the gown. Solid colored fabric (not sheer) should extend across the entire front of the dress and continue beyond the side seams. **Flesh tone** fabrics (sheer or solid), give the illusion of bare skin and are **not** allowed.
- Tattoos should **not** be visible on any part of the body. Select dress styles that ensure tattoos will be covered the entire evening.
- Ladies formal pant suits may be worn but must meet the same expectations as gowns.
- It is **not** the responsibility of a salesperson or alternations professional to decide what will or will not "be okay." Decisions will be based strictly on *Formal Attire for Ladies* as defined in this document.

Formal Attire for Gentlemen

- Tuxedo or complete suit coat, dress pants, dress shirt, and tie suitable for a formal occasion.
- Cartoon or graphic novel and other prints are **not suitable** for formal occasions.
- Tattoos and/or body piercings should not be visible.
- Dress shoes.
 - By definition, sneakers are considered *Informal Attire* and should not be worn.

All Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Delone Catholic “Dress Code-General Guidelines” (see Student Handbook) will be followed for appropriate jewelry, tattoos, hair color/styles, makeup, etc.

***SAFETY:** All Delone Catholic students and guests must wear shoes at **all times**. Bring a change of shoes if you feel your dress shoes will become uncomfortable during the course of the evening.

We believe that as a representative of Delone Catholic you will use your best judgement when making modest formalwear selections. Those who choose to disregard these guidelines will be given a consequence deemed suitable by Delone Catholic administration. This may include refusal of admittance to the Prom until the dress code violation is corrected.

Anything deemed inappropriate **after** students have been admitted into the event will receive the same consequences.

Questions regarding appropriate formalwear should be directed to the Prom Committee moderator.

We look forward to a beautiful night!

SKETCHES ARE TO BE USED FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE 2016 FORMAL ATTIRE
GUIDELINES OF DELONE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



The lowest point of the neckline should not extend below the underarm crease. The lowest point of the gown back, must not extend below the natural crease of the natural waistline (smallest part of waist when bent to one side).



The shortest point of the dress (all layers), must touch the knee cap. Semi-formal dress guidelines do not apply to formalwear with regard to length. *For the best short formal options, shop for “tea length” or “ankle length” gowns.



*Sheer fabric (regardless of color) should not be used to cover plunging necklines, short skirts, low backs, or cut-outs. They are not allowed. *Select dress styles that ensure tattoos will be covered the entire evening.



Cut-Outs are not allowed on any area of the gown. Solid fabric (not sheer), should extend across the entire front of the dress and continue beyond the side seams. * Flesh tone fabrics (Sheer or solid), designed to give the illusion of bare skin (with the purpose of appearing see through or cut-out); are not allowed.