

CFS Formal Policy - Dress Code, Guests, & Music

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PURPOSE

To provide CFS senior high students an opportunity for fun and fellowship at a dance that is glorifying to God.

SCRIPTURAL BASIS

“Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly...”
1 Timothy 2:9a

“So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.”
Romans 14:19

“Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this – not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother’s way.” Romans 14:13

DRESS CODE

Members should use wisdom in selecting modestly styled gowns and show sensitivity and deference to brothers and sisters in Christ. If students are not dressed according to CFS policy, they will be asked by CFS sponsors to make adjustments or leave the event.

Young Men:

- Dress slacks (no jeans)
- Long sleeved dress shirt with collar (shirt tucked in)
- Tie or bow tie (suggested)
- Jacket/tuxedo (optional)
- Hair neatly groomed/trimmed

Young Ladies:

- Dress/skirt length to be mid-calf or lower
- No visible cleavage, no plunging necklines
- Dress back must cover the bottom third of the back, measuring from the base of the neck to the natural waistline

- All dress/skirt slits no higher than just above knee
- No hip-hugging formals- dresses may not be form fitting below curve of hip
- No two-piece gowns that show midriff (including those covered in lace or sheer fabric)
- No cutouts (including lace-covered or sheer-fabric covered cutouts) anywhere lower than the bust-line in front and the lower third of the back
- Modifications cannot be flesh colored
- Acceptable: Most strapless gowns (offer more coverage, come up higher)
One shoulder strap gown
Two shoulder strap gowns

CFS Guest Policy

1. CFS Juniors and Seniors may invite one non-CFS student as a guest. In order for the guest to attend, the attached Non-CFS Student Guest Application must be filled out completely by the guest and his/her parents. Both applications must be sent by the final count deadline to the formal chair treasurer:
2. All CFS Formal attendees must give a current email address for themselves and their non-CFS guests when signing up so that the Formal Committee parents may communicate with all students to help avoid confusion or misunderstanding.
3. Guests who are not on the Pre-Approved Guest List will not be admitted into the dance.
4. CFS students and Guests will abide by the rules and regulations set forth on the:
CFS Student Participation Agreement (Attachment A)
and
Non-CFS Student Guest Application (Attachment B)
5. Failure to follow the regulations and policy of CFS could result in being removed from or denied entrance into the dance. The CFS student who issued the invitation may also face disciplinary action.

MUSIC

Students will create and submit a playlist of music for the approval of the Formal Committee parents. Only music from the approved play list may be played, and chaperones may have the DJ stop playing any music they judge inappropriate. Prior to Formal, any music in question should be brought to the attention of the CFS Board Events Ambassador by the Formal Committee Chairperson.

DANCE

See CFS Dance Policy E-003

VERSION HISTORY

Version	Description	Date
1.0	Original policy	July 2010
2.0	Revised dress code, guest policy and added music	March 12, 2013

2.1	Revised dress code & guest policy	November 12, 2013
2.2	Revised dress code & guest policy - B. Ciummo	February 10, 2014
3.0	Revised dress code for young ladies	February 28, 2017
3.1	Revised who applications are sent to. - T. Martin	March 24, 2018
3.2	Revised and updated language and simplified purpose statement. - B. Horn	April 14, 2021
3.3	Revised and updated language to bring clarity and to provide support for committees with enforcement of dress code. - B. Horn	September 18, 2022
3.4	Revised and updated language- A. Stauffer	October 28, 2023

Cornerstone Family Schools Spring Formal CFS Student Participant Agreement

The CFS student and guest listed on the Guest Application Form, agree to abide by all rules and regulations of CFS Formal Policy.

1. Students will meet the dress code requirements as outlined in the CFS Formal Policy.
2. The CFS student and his/her parent(s) are responsible for advising the guest as to proper dress. Any student whose attire does not adhere to the CFS Formal Policy dress code will not be allowed to enter the dance until adjustments are made, and a parent will be notified.
3. All students, upon entering the dance, will remain in the designated dance area or its immediate vicinity until they leave. Students may not wander through the facility or loiter in the parking lot unsupervised. Students leaving the facility will not be allowed back into the facility.
4. Students will respond respectfully when addressed (or corrected) by a supervising adult at the dance. After giving a respectful response, if the student disagrees with a correction given, they may address the issue with the CFS Formal Committee Chairperson.
5. Any student violating the CFS Conduct Policy (G-006) will be immediately dismissed from the dance and his/her parents will be notified.
6. Alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs are prohibited.

NOTE: The CFS sponsors reserve the right to make the final decision as to whether any CFS student and/or guest has permission to attend the dance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any member of the CFS Board.

I have read and agree to abide by above standards:

Student Name

Date

Email

Phone

Parent Names

Date

Email

Phone

Please submit this completed form to: the formal chair treasurer

Attachment A

**Cornerstone Family Schools Spring Formal
Non-CFS Student Guest Application**

CFS Student Name _____
Name of Guest _____
Age _____ Grade _____ School _____
Parent Names _____

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Student Signature Date

Email Phone

Parent Signature(s) Date

Email Phone

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Attachment B