

SCCS Formal Dress Do's and Don'ts



Pretty Low in the back



No plunging "cut-outs" in the front, please



Two short dresses that fit the bill!

The goal of an elegant gown is not to make you look unattractive, but to accentuate the beauty you already have without completely distracting from it with an inappropriate dress feature.

Remember who and what you are representing on a daily basis, both at formal and in everyday life. You represent your Lord, this school and yourself. Think about how you want yourself to be perceived. Please watch the following items when making a dress selection:

Top – Strapless or spaghetti straps are fine as long as they are “modest”. Don’t allow neckline to travel down the front of your chest. Imagine a straight line from armpit to armpit. Dress should not dip below it. Shawls and scarves are great accessories. And it’s gonna be early in May and a little chilly.

Bottom- Please keep your dress at a full finger length (extend those arms). Think of what would happen if you dropped your napkin. Also, avoid a long slit up the side or the back.

Back – No low cut backs please! Imagine a line all the way around the waist at the belly button. You should not dip below this line.

Tight – We don’t want to see every wrinkle underneath.

Transparency – No cut outs in areas that are to be covered and no see fabric over areas that were to be covered in the first place!



Very low cut in the front



Top cut is just fine



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Low cut in front



Top cut is just fine



Way too tight

All 6 of the above dresses are **too short** or approaching the too short finger-tip cut-off



Very Nice



Long enough!



Careful on top, and watch that length!



OK on top, but it's getting short



Very short in front, top Great!



Do we need to discuss a fully Open back. Not appropriate.



These strapless gowns are all cut higher or straight across in the front, avoiding the "cleavage" issue



These gowns accentuate a slight (or major) dip in the front. Avoid drawing the eye downward.