



## **SHARE Dress Code Policy**

SHARE dances are an event which reflect the philosophy of our learning center, Homelink, and adhere to Christian teachings regarding modesty. As stated in the Homelink Handbook.

“We do not want to stifle anyone’s sense of style or limit their comfort, but are trying to help students make good decisions about their appearance. . . C.S. Lewis on modesty: ‘A real desire to believe all the good you can of others and to make others as comfortable as you can, will solve most of the problems.’”

Dress code regulations must be followed by all students attending. **Guidelines will be strictly enforced. Decisions regarding attire are entirely at the discretion of the dance coordinators.** All students, including guests, not in compliance with the dress code will not be admitted to dances and refunds will not be issued. We welcome all homeschool students and strive to create a fun atmosphere, however if you are not willing to comply with the dress code policy we ask that you not attend.

### **MODIFICATIONS**

- There will NOT be any loaner clothing options available.
- Any modifications to an outfit must be secure. We recommend sewing not pinning if possible.
- Whatever modification is made to an outfit, it must stay in place for the entire dance.
- No cover-ups (coats, shawls, sweaters) will be allowed to cover clothing items that do not meet dress code.
- Clothing must fit appropriately. If an outfit needs to be modified please do so before attending the dance. There are many SHARE members who sew!

### **Girls**

- Strapless dresses and spaghetti straps are allowed provided they follow the dress code.
- Hemlines, slits for dresses, shorts or any part of your outfit must be no shorter than four inches above the top of the knee while standing straight. This applies to the outfit on the sides and back as well. Please be aware of how the outfit fits you.
- Strive for minimal to no cleavage. Dresses may not be cut below the bust line. Lace or see through material in the cleavage area does not count as coverage.
- Dresses may be backless as long as they are not cut below the naval.
- No midriffs may be exposed in the front or sides. Lace or see through material does not count as coverage. Two-piece dresses must overlap at the waist. Meaning the top must overlap with the skirt waistband.

- No side exposure. The dress may not be cut out on the sides. With arms down at your side, if flesh touches flesh, the dress is inappropriate. Lace or see through material does not count as coverage.
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Tennis shoes are allowed.

## Boys

- Formal attire is classified as a tuxedo or dress suit including a tie or bow tie, a dress shirt, and may include a vest or cummerbund. Jacket required.
- For semi-formal attire dress pants or docker type slacks are acceptable with a dress shirt and tie. Jacket is not required.
- Suits or jackets with writing or graphic elements are allowed as long as the elements are appropriate and do not include any foul language or immodest subject matter.
- Shirts are to be worn at all times. Jackets may be removed.
- Shirts need to remain buttoned.
- No sleeveless shirts. You may not wear a sleeveless shirt and cover it with a jacket.
- No blue jeans, shorts or t-shirts unless the specific dance dress code states they are allowed. Some SHARE dances do have a casual dress code.
  - If Casual attire is specified boys may wear jeans or slacks. A button down, polo type shirt or t-shirt. Shorts may not be worn unless specified. If shorts are allowed they may not be shorter than four inches above the knee.
- Any shirts with writing must not contain anything inappropriate including foul language.
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Tennis shoes are allowed.