

# SCHOOL DANCES

In the interest of good order and a pleasant time for all, students and their escorts are required to cooperate with chaperones and to comply with the following regulations as well as with any regulations given for a particular dance:

- Those attending dances are not readmitted once they leave.
- Alcoholic beverages are not to be consumed before or during a dance, and anyone, in the opinion of the chaperones, who appears to be intoxicated or under the influence of a mind-altering substance will not be admitted. Parents will be notified by telephone and asked to pick up the offending student(s).
- Couples shall arrive no later than thirty (30) minutes after the dance begins. Ursuline Academy students arriving after that time may be required to serve a Saturday detention, and their parents will be notified.
- Couples shall remain in the area assigned for the dance.
- Ordinarily, only Ursuline students and their escorts may attend Ursuline Academy-sponsored dances; permission for guests must be obtained from the principal or Dean of Students.
- Those whose conduct is disorderly and those who destroy or damage property will be asked to leave. Those responsible for damaging or destroying any property must make restitution.
- Students and their escorts shall dress appropriately for the particular dance. The chaperones will determine whether the attire of a given individual is appropriate for the particular dance. **See Dress Regulations for Catholic School Dances (below)**. Any Ursuline student who violates the dress code will not be admitted to the dance, will receive a morning detention, and her parents will be notified. Ursuline students are also responsible for the dress of their dates. Violation of the dress code by a date may result in the date not being admitted to the dance.
- Good manners require that only one person at a time occupy a chair.
- Students should introduce themselves and their escorts to the chaperones.
- Dance pictures which are deemed inappropriate by the administration, will be confiscated. The cost of the pictures will not be refunded.

**Ursuline Academy stands in opposition to the renting of hotel/motel rooms, limousines, or limousine buses for students and their dates. The administration requests that Ursuline Academy parents and students refuse to participate in such activity.**

## DRESS REGULATIONS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL DANCES

### Casual Dances

#### Girls

- Casual pants are permissible, but jeans are not acceptable. Pants cannot have holes or be shredded. Hem circumference must be no larger than 16 inches. Shoes must be visible under the hem. Pants must fit properly (no oversized clothing) and must be worn at an appropriate level to the waist.
- No shorts or skorts are allowed.
- Hemlines for dresses or skirts must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee.
- Slits in dresses must be no greater than 4 inches above the knee.
- No skin-tight skirts or dresses are allowed.
- No tube tops, midriffs, bare backs, or low necklines are allowed.
- Tennis shoes, dress shoes, or sandals may be worn.
- No hats, bandanas, or head wear of any kind are allowed.
- No pierced body parts are to be visible except the ear lobes.
- No blouses with vulgar or inappropriate sayings or pictures are allowed.

### Boys

- Casual pants, no jeans (no holes or shreds); shoes must be visible under the hem. Hem circumference must be no larger than 16 inches. Pants must fit properly (no oversized clothing) and must be worn at an appropriate level to the waist.
- No shorts are allowed.
- ONLY collared shirts are allowed.
- Tennis shoes, dress shoes, or sandals may be worn.
- No hats, bandanas, or head wear of any kind are allowed.
- No pierced body parts are to be visible.
- No shirts with vulgar or inappropriate sayings or pictures are allowed.

## Semi-formal and Formal Dances

### Girls

- Dresses must be formal, short or long, appropriately fitting, and modest.
- Hemlines for dresses must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee.
- Slits in dresses must be no greater than 4 inches above the knee.
- No immodest bare-backs (back of dress can be no lower than the traditional bra line), no low necklines, visible midriffs, or cut-outs below the traditional bra line.
- Dress shoes only (no casual sandals, tennis, boots, or slippers) are allowed.
- No hats, bandanas, or head wear of any kind are allowed.
- No pierced body parts are to be visible except the ear lobes.

### Boys

- Coat and traditional tie (sport coat and dress pants or suit) are mandatory. No banded shirts are allowed. Shirts tucked in at all times (tuxedos are required for Prom).
- Hem circumference must be no larger than 16 inches. Pants must fit properly and must be worn at an appropriate level to the waist.
- Dress shoes and dress socks are required.
- No hats, bandanas, or head wear of any kind are allowed.
- No pierced body parts are to be visible.

**NOTE: Any clothing advertising sex, drugs, alcohol, or violence will not be acceptable. Any Ursuline Academy student who does not meet the dress requirements will be denied admission to the dance. That student must also serve a three-hour detention and her parents will be notified. Non-Ursuline students who do not meet the dress requirements will not be admitted. Ursuline students are responsible for informing their dates of the dress guidelines.**

Students may not enter the dance with props, accessories, knapsacks, book bags, video cameras, glow sticks (including mouthpieces), or anything else deemed inappropriate by the chaperones.

**Behavior:** Ursuline Academy students are responsible for their behavior and that of their dates. Guests must act in accordance with the rules of the host school. Students who violate these rules will be subject to having their school IDs confiscated and returned to their home school.

Anyone who violates the rules of good conduct, brings alcoholic beverages or drugs to a dance, or exhibits behavior showing the effects of alcohol or drugs will be subject to disciplinary action.