

# The Atonement Academy

## *Special Event Dress Code*

*The Atonement Academy encourages students to socialize in a supervised, safe atmosphere. Whether a student is a spectator at a game, participating in gym night, or attending a dance in the St. Anthony Hall, the student's attire should be appropriate for a Catholic high school setting. Students are expected to be clean and neat in their personal appearance, observing standards of modesty, moderation, and good taste.*

*In keeping with that expectation, the following **dress code for special events** is provided to assist our students and their parents. Like all rules they are imperfect, and there are undoubtedly loopholes around them. We ask that students and their parents comply with the spirit of these rules and select apparel that promotes personal dignity and gives glory to God.*

Students and their parents should always be mindful that cleanliness, common sense, good taste, and awareness of the circumstances should be considerations. For the duration of a special event sponsored by The Atonement Academy, students and their guests are expected to be in compliance with the dress code as stated below:

**A. Any young lady who attends a special event sponsored by The Atonement Academy must wear clothing that meets the following guidelines.**

- Dress/skirt length should *stay* no more than two inches above the top of the knee cap knee (including the top of the skirt slit). Styles change yet garments of this length or longer are not difficult to find and provide the wearer with a sense of dignity and respect, creating a strong image of women as a whole.
- Tops with spaghetti straps should not show cleavage.
- No midriffs are to show. No strapless tops. No backless tops ("Backless" is defined as shirts or dresses that show skin or are sheer below the bra area.)
- Necklines should be modest and appropriate. Camisoles can always be worn under plunging necklines to avoid cleavage displays.
- Heels should be no more than three inches high in the interest of both comfort and safety. Shoes must be worn at all times, so young ladies may wish to bring a second pair of flat dress shoes.
- Overly tight pants or spandex pants or shorts may not be worn as outer garments or as garments that can be viewed at any angle.
- Jeans are seldom appropriate for events other than sporting events or events such as the annual Stampede. When worn, jeans may not have holes (by accident or design) or ride lower than two inches below the natural waistline. Any event other than sporting events or Stampede would not be appropriate for jeans unless advised by the school administration.

**B. Any young man who attends a special event sponsored by The Atonement Academy must wear clothing that meets the following guidelines.**

- Young men are expected to wear pressed, neat collared shirts, and shirts must be tucked into the pants. Occasionally, an event may be as casual as to allow for a t-shirt **or** as dressy as to call for a coat and tie.
- Low-hung pants and baggy jeans are not allowed.
- Shoes are to be worn at all times.
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- Caps and hats of any nature are not allowed to be worn inside an Atonement event. Please leave hats and caps at home to avoid losing them.

**NOTE:** An improperly attired student (including guests) will not be admitted to a special event. Any interpretation, judgment and final authority in these matters lies with the administrator in charge.