

2023-2024 BCA Formal Occasions Dress Guidelines for Jr/Sr Banquet April 20, 2024

Tickets will be available for sale March 25-27

Banquet tickets may not be purchased until dress checks are complete including alterations.

Bethel Christian Academy expects our students and their guests to maintain a level of modesty and dignity as they represent our school at its formal occasions such as Homecoming and the Junior Senior Banquet. Gentleman are expected to wear a suit and tie or tuxedo with **dress shoes**.

Dress checks will go by the following process:

Step 1: You MUST send 3 picture messages of you wearing your prospective dress to Mrs. Croom (252-939-6614): one each from the front, from the side with arms straight out, and from the back. After sharing it with all advisors (please be patient), she will reply to you with their assessment on how the dress may or may not need to be altered to fit within the guidelines listed below. At that time, you may choose to proceed with the purchase (*check return policies*), OR you may wish to choose a different dress that would require fewer adjustments. (*We prefer to check a dress prior to alterations to allow for returns if the dress does not meet requirements.*) **If you choose to order a dress, please send a picture or link prior to ordering.**

Step 2: Bring the dress in for an IN-PERSON fitting. If the dress does not pass at the first fitting, adjustments must be made and the dress brought back at our next scheduled after school check.

Step 3: If the dress does not pass the second in-person check, the student may be asked to bring a dress requiring no alterations, or the student may forfeit the right to attend this formal event.

2023-2024 Female Formalwear Guidelines

- Dresses must have at least one shoulder strap and must be in one piece (no separation at waist).
- Dresses that are form fitting, outlining the curves of the body, or dresses made of clinging material and/or reveal undergarment outlines are not acceptable. If the dress does not fall from the behind or if it cups under the bottom, it will not pass. Mermaid style dresses may be denied.
- No fabrics that suggest nudity will be permitted (specifically in the chest, midriff, and hip area). Sheer fabric in this area must be lined with a non-skin toned colored fabric.
- Dresses must not draw the eye to the chest in a suggestive manner.
 - *No cleavage or the appearance of cleavage may be shown while sitting or standing. Sides must be filled in under the arm so that the side of the breast is covered.
 - *Please do not choose sweetheart or V necklines unless you are willing to add fabric to make them straight across.
- Dresses open below mid-back (bottom of the shoulder blades) are not permitted.
- Dresses must be long enough to touch the crease in the back of the knee in standing positions. No slits above the knee.

Note that alterations must be sewn in. No pins or tape.

*BCA Staff will use their best discretion to decide what represents our school in a Christ-like manner. It will be in their judgment to decide on all needed alterations. Please note dresses may not pass for reasons other than those listed above. This list is merely guidelines and is not meant to be comprehensive. Please understand that each young lady is different and dresses will fit and appear differently on each of them. Our goal is not to make this process difficult but to honor Christ at our formal events.

Initial checks will be available after school on Wednesday, February 21, February 28, and March 6.

***Pictures must be sent to Mrs. Croom: 252-939-6614. If you don't reach me, my home number is 252-522-1221 before 9:00 p.m.

BCA Jr/Sr Banquet Form for Non-BCA Guests
Please return this form to Mrs. Croom by March 6

BCA Student: _____ **Grade:** _____

The following rules apply for all students and guests attending the banquet:

- Guests must be between the ages of 15 and 21.
- Guests must be currently enrolled in high school or be a high school graduate.
- No same sex couples.
- Non-BCA students will need prior approval before attending the banquet.
- Students and guests must wear appropriate banquet attire. Please find the guidelines on the opposite side of this page.
- All students and guests are expected to follow BCA rules and regulations while attending this or any BCA sponsored event.
- Students will be expected to remain at the banquet until the program is completed.

I, _____, understand that I will be held responsible for not only my behavior, but the behavior of my guest, while at the banquet. I realize that my parent/guardian must sign this form signifying their awareness of my date and the rules, including dress code set forth by my school. I also recognize that alcohol, drugs, vapes, and tobacco products are prohibited and that all disciplinary rules are in effect.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Visiting Guest Agreement: (If the guest has graduated, they may use their pastor as a reference.)

Name of Guest: _____ Name of School/Church: _____

I agree to follow all rules and regulations of Bethel Christian Academy while in attendance at the Jr/Sr Banquet. I understand that if I violate any BCA rules, I will be asked to leave the premises immediately and my parent/guardian will be contacted.

Guest Signature: _____ Age: _____

Guest Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Phone: _____

To be filled out by guest's school administrator or pastor:

The individual named above is a student/member in good standing at our school/church. I have no reservations recommending their attendance at the BCA Jr/Sr Banquet.

Administrator/Pastor Name: _____ Phone: _____

Administrator/Pastor Signature: _____

School/Church Name: _____