



## Ambrose 7th-12th Grade Dance Attire Guidelines for Gentlemen

Parents and Sons,

Ambrose has two dressy dances during the second semester. The boys will receive information on what to expect and how to dress during a focused discussion at school. Below are some dress guidelines for these events. Please look over and discuss these guidelines together, and make sure the selected outfit meets the criteria. While a snug fit might be trendy, we have seen pant seams split during a dance - this is not a memory we want for our young men. Our goal is to have our young men learn how to dress appropriately for formal occasions and to feel good in the outfits they select. We do not anticipate turning anyone away but will do so if the guidelines are not respectfully followed.

### Winter Dance Semi-Formal (7-12th) Dress Guidelines:

**TOP:** Button down, collared shirt, tucked in. A tie or bow tie is required. Suit coat, blazer, or a formal vest is strongly encouraged but optional.

**BOTTOM:** Dress slacks, clean school khakis, or similar that are of a proper length and fit. No excessively short, tight, or baggy pants. No jeans, denim or joggers. No holes. A belt is required.

**OVERALL FIT:** A shirt that fits properly should be roomy enough that it does not pull at the buttons when standing straight with arms at your sides, and long enough that it does not come untucked when raising arms. Properly fitting pants should allow young men to 1) stand straight without underwear lines showing 2) stand straight and pinch 1/2" to 1 inch of fabric on either side of the thigh - if it's less than that, pants are too tight 3) bend down easily without pants restricting movement 4) stand straight, bottom of the pant leg must reach at least to the top of the shoe.

**SHOES:** Shoes are to be close-toed only (e.g., no sandals, flip-flops, etc.). Loafers or dress shoes are strongly recommended. Sneakers are discouraged but allowed if neat and clean.

**Think dressy occasions like a wedding, recital or Easter Sunday.**

**Protocol Formal (9-12th) Dress Guidelines:** Protocol is a formal event including both dinner and dance and is only for 9th through 12th grade students. **All of the guidelines above should be followed;** however, as this is a more formal event, a suit or tuxedo is encouraged. **A suit coat or blazer is required.**

**Think traditional prom attire or other similar formal occasion.**