

Anthem Preparatory Academy
2024 Junior/Senior Prom Policies and Dress Code

DRESS CODE:

Chaperones reserve the right to refuse entry to those who fail to comply with the dress code.

Ladies:

- Tea-length (mid-calf) or full-length gown.
- Thin-strap, spaghetti-strap, and strapless gowns are permitted; however, gowns should not be ‘revealing’ or low-cut. In front, the lowest part of the dress must come to the top of the bust line; in back, gown must come up to the bottom of shoulder blades.
- Tight, form-fitted skirts and/or slits above the knee are not permitted.
- Bare midriffs, bare backs (below the bottom of the shoulder blades), and any other “holes” in the gown are not permitted. Sheer, nude (gives the illusion of sheer), or “see-through” fabric over any part of the body required to be covered (midriff, lower back, etc.) is not permitted. Lace overlays must give the appearance of appropriate coverage.
- Shoes MUST remain on the feet the entire evening. Stylish “sneakers” that match the dress may be worn. Dress shoes including flats and heels are allowed. If you wear heels, you may want to bring along a pair of flats for later in the evening. Dressy sandals are allowed, but no flip-flops or casual sandals.
- The APA Student Handbook rules regarding hair and makeup, and any other issues not covered in this description must still apply. Students may wear more jewelry than listed in the Handbook. Manicures that do not conform to our standard dress code may be worn for Prom and must be returned to the standard by **Monday, 4/8/24**.
- **Prior approval for dresses is required. Pictures of you wearing the dress must be sent to nvanderham@greatheartsanthem.org no later than Friday, 3/29.** Pictures should include both front and back, full views. Any slits must be identified. Students whose dresses are not approved prior to the 29th or who arrive to the Prom in a dress that does not meet these requirements, will be required to modify their attire to meet dress code or will not be allowed to participate. Tickets will not be refunded, and student will be asked to leave.
- Ladies may choose to wear a tuxedo and need to follow the guidelines below.

Gentlemen:

- A tuxedo or suit is required. See the guidelines below for each.
- Dress shoes and dark socks (mid-calf or higher); stylish, neat, athletic shoes may be worn if they match the clothing (no sandals or running shoes allowed)
- No dyed hair or casual hats. Hair should be trimmed appropriately.
- The APA Student Handbook rules regarding hair, jewelry, and any other issues not covered in this description must still apply.
- **Prior approval for suits is required. A picture of you wearing the exact suit, shirt, tie, and shoes must be sent to dpillsbury@greatheartsanthem.org no later than Friday, 3/29.** Students whose suits are not approved prior to the 29th or who arrive to the Prom in a suit that does not meet these requirements, will be required to modify their attire to meet dress code or will not be allowed to participate. Tickets will not be refunded, and student will be asked to leave. *(You do not need approval if you are wearing a tuxedo.)*
- **Tuxedos:**
- A formal tuxedo – i.e., “black tie attire” – may be worn, but are NOT required; dark suits are acceptable (see below).
- No colored tuxedos allowed – only black or charcoal grey. A white dinner jacket with black tuxedo pants is also permitted.
- Ties, vests, and cummerbunds (if worn) may be colored, if desired.
- **Suits:**
- Suits must be neutral colored (dark or light) and properly-fitting. Pants and coat must match.
- Solid colored dress shirts and tasteful tie are required.

General Dress Code Reminders from the Student Handbook:

- No piercing other than ears allowed.
- Hair color must be a natural color and neatly styled.
- No temporary or permanent visible tattoos, or pen & ink writing on the skin are allowed.