



DIOCESAN DRESS CODE

The following is the Diocese of Memphis policy for dress in all national, regional, diocesan and parish activities and events involving our young people.

Appropriate dress will be strictly monitored. Anything immodest, or degrading, or that espouses drug/alcohol or violent themes is not appropriate. We reserve the right to judge appropriateness.

The following guidelines should be helpful to you when you are explaining appropriate dress to your young people:

- Appropriate language and/or graphics on clothing.
- Skirts should not be shorter than fingertip length.
- No fishnet or see through clothing.
- No skin tight clothing.
- No backless, strapless or spaghetti strap dresses or tops.
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times and must not be visible.
- No short shorts.
- Shirts and sweaters must be long enough to cover the midriff area **AT ALL TIMES**.

Suggestion: Stand in front of a mirror at home and raise your arms over your head. If ANY skin shows, please change.

The above are guidelines only and are not all inclusive. These guidelines apply to males and females alike. If they have to ask, the answer is **NO!**

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In order to set these guidelines into practice, the following will apply:

- Participants will follow the rules set forth by the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministries regarding behavior and safety.
- No music will be played that espouses drugs, violence, immoral or demeaning behavior.
- No sexually suggestive dancing, touching or behavior – youth and adults.
- No alcohol, drugs, smoking of any kind permitted – youth and adults!
- Designated people will be stationed at the door to check dress code compliance upon arrival. All adults will be responsible that the dress code is maintained throughout the activity.
- Designated coordinators will make the final decisions on compliance.
- Parents will be notified if the participant is being asked to leave.
- All youth ministers and chaperons are to be moving throughout the different venues at all times.
- Security guards will be provided by the diocese to watch the parking lot and doors.
- Youth ministers and chaperons must be on the premises if their young people are participating. The general rule is one adult per ten senior high-ers and one adult per eight junior high-ers.

These guidelines will only work if we have the backing of parents, youth ministers, chaperons, young people, in other words, each and every one of us!

Thank you

