

## GRADUATION DRESS

Our graduation ceremony is a unique high school commencement because the emphasis is on God's work in and through the class and not on individuals. To help keep this emphasis, please keep the following in mind for what is worn with your cap and gown:

### GIRLS

- ◆ Please wear a solid (or at least looks solid from a distance) school colored dress or blouse/skirt. Be sure to avoid high necklines or collars that would show above the gown and skirts that will hang below the hem of the graduation gown (pinning can solve these issues sometimes).
- ◆ Black or navy dressy closed-toed shoes are to be worn for this occasion. More shoe than foot should be showing. Sandals, slides, loafers, boots, and platform shoes don't work in this setting.
- ◆ Please limit your accessories. You may wear one ring per hand. Please do not wear a watch.

### GUYS

- ◆ Please wear dark dress pants (i.e., black, navy, charcoal), dark socks, and black or dark dress shoes (no two-tone shoes). Your shirt must be a white, long-sleeved dress shirt. Your tie must be a full-length, dark tie (i.e., black, navy, charcoal) with no obvious pattern. Please check with Dr. Ericson ahead of the dress check day if you are uncertain whether your clothes (especially shoes) meet the requirements.
- ◆ Hair must meet normal school regulations, and you must be clean-shaven.
- ◆ Please limit your accessories. You may wear one ring per hand. Please do not wear a watch

## GIRLS' JR-SR DRESS

Jr-Sr is our signature event where you have the chance to experience a formal, yet very enjoyable atmosphere.

Attire, including shoes, should reflect the formal nature of the banquet. As you shop, sew, or seek to borrow a dress, please keep in mind that all normal Academy dress regulation apply for these dresses:

- ◆ **Neckline:** Appropriate both in the front and back – four finger-widths below the collar bone in the front and the bottom of the shoulder blades in the back. No hint of cleavage should show. Sweetheart and V-neck necklines are usually a problem.
- ◆ **Fit:** Loose-fitting. Be sure to have enough ease to conceal undergarment lines, and avoid stretchy, tight-fitting materials that cling.
- ◆ **Length:** To the knee whether standing, walking or sitting. For this event, floor-length dresses are usually worn. Slits must be sewn to the knee.
- ◆ **Sleeves:** Genuine sleeves with complete, distinct armholes (cap sleeves are fine). Sleeveless dresses or dresses with straps may be worn with a jacket or sweater. If a shawl is worn, it must attach to the dress. Strapless dresses may not be worn (even with jacket, sweater, or shawl).

**All Graduation & Jr-Sr dresses must be approved by the Jr-Sr sponsors at one of the following dress checks:**

- Tuesday, March 7, 3:15 – 4:30 PM, Hutto 206
- Wednesday, March 8, 3:15 – 4:30 PM, Hutto 206