



WILDFLOWER GUILD

JUNIOR COTILLIONS

DRESS CODE

The Junior Cotillions desire that all members feel at ease and confident in their attire while dancing. All dances are dress-up occasions where careful grooming and dress is required. A dress code is enforced in order to provide a safe and comfortable environment for all members by limiting distractions and avoiding clothing mishaps to protect your child's safety and reputation.

GIRLS

- Sleeveless tops and dresses are allowed as long as undergarments are completely covered and necklines are appropriate. (no cleavage)
- Halter-tops with straps are allowed as long as it is not backless.
- Hemlines of shorts and skirts, must be finger-tip length or longer.
- Shoes should be safe and comfortable; heels are strongly discouraged.
- No spaghetti straps
- **NO STRAPLESS** dresses or tops at all (even when a sweater is worn).
- Midriffs may NOT be exposed.
- No floor length dresses are allowed for any dances.
- Athletic shoes are prohibited.

BOYS

- Dress slacks and a tie for the semi-formal dance.
- All pants shall be worn at the waist with NO sagging.
- Athletic shoes are prohibited.

EXCEPTIONS

- When theme appropriate, BOYS and GIRLS may wear: Hats, caps, bandanas, and headbands, sunglasses, hair color/streaking
- Any other exceptions to the dress code will be clearly indicated on the invitation for that event.

These guidelines are designed to be modest for children but not to make shopping difficult for you. Please follow them so that we don't have to ask your child to leave the dance until appropriately dressed. Contact your grade level chairmen if you have any questions. *Please note that themed dances may allow for variances to the dress code. Please check each dance invitation for special dance attire.

RSVP POLICY

All Members (not the parent) are expected to RSVP (*please respond) by phone by the date listed on the invitation, **whether or not they will be attending the dance**. The RSVP Policy serves two purposes: Responding to an invitation is an important skill and courtesy the Junior Cotillion desires to instill in its Members. It is necessary to have even numbers of boys and girls at each dance. It is important that our Dance Chairmen and Parent Volunteers have time to plan properly to ensure equal numbers at each dance. If a member fails to RSVP or is a no-show (did not attend the dance and failed to notify the chairman in advance), it creates an inconvenience for other members.



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RSVP POLICY CONTINUED

When members call to RSVP, they must remember to plan what they say before they make the call. Be sure to speak slowly and clearly. Remember to call only between the hours of 9:00 am and 9:00 pm. A text is not sufficient as your RSVP.

DANCE ETIQUETTE

Dance etiquette is a set of guidelines that help us navigate the social dimensions of dancing.

BOYS will “ask for a dance.” When asking for a dance, it is easiest to stay with traditional phrases: “May I have this dance?”...“Would you like to dance?”...“Care to dance?” Make eye contact when asking for a dance. When your partner says yes, smile, offer your arm, and escort her onto the dance floor and in to dance position.

GIRLS will “accept the dance.” When a guy asks you to dance, your response should be “Yes”...“Thank You”... or “I'd love to!” It is never acceptable to say “No” at the Junior Cotillion dances. You should not roll your eyes, make goofy faces, or give a big sigh either. Smile and make eye contact with your partner. Try to project a warm and positive image while dancing, even if you don't know your partner.

The dance coordinator and parents on the dance floor will help facilitate all parts of the dance. Everybody is here to learn and we will all make mistakes...even the adults! You might dance with some kids that are having a more difficult time learning the dance than you. If so, help them and be positive. The dance coordinator will guide you through the dances telling you what steps to take. Color Group parents will be on the dance floor helping you with dance steps and correcting inappropriate behavior.

After the song ... When a song comes to an end, the BOY gives his arm to the GIRL and takes her back to her color group. Always say thank you to your partner. When thanked, don't reply, "You are welcome." The proper response to "Thank you." is "Thank you." If you enjoyed the dance, let your partner know. Compliment your partner on her/his dancing. Be generous, even if he/she is not the greatest of dancers.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Membership in the Junior Cotillion is a privilege; thus, members are expected to maintain respectable social conduct at all Cotillion functions as well as at school and in the community.

Minor Infractions include: rolling of eyes, making ugly faces, not taking hand when offered, not following directions or dance etiquette, running around at break, damaging decorations, changing partners once on the dance floor, etc. Major Infractions include: Verbally putting someone down, making fun of others, inappropriate touching, telling someone “no” on a girl/boy choice, playing a trick on someone,



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demolishing decorations, continuation of a minor infraction after numerous corrections by volunteers, etc.

Habitual misconduct can result in review by the Junior Cotillion Board Members and eventually into termination of membership.

Members are not permitted to use cameras during the dance. Parents and members may take pictures before and after the dance. A photographer will take pictures during the dance and provide access for members online. Videos are not allowed in order to protect the privacy of our members. Parents--please do NOT post videos.