Prom Dress Code

- Dresses may be strapless (if they fit properly) or include spaghetti straps.
- Dresses may be backless, as long as they are not cut below the naval.
- 2-piece dresses MUST overlap at the waist: meaning top MUST overlap with skirt waistband.
- Midriffs will not be exposed. This includes both front and side. With arms down at your side, if flesh touches flesh, the dress is inappropriate.
- Dresses may not have a slit that exceeds mid-thigh. This is fingertip length.
- Dresses may not be cut below the bust line.
- Undergarments should not be visible. See-through apparel is not permitted.
- Garments that are tight or low-cut are also unacceptable.

Gentlemen, you are expected to wear formal attire. Formal prom attire may be classified as a tuxedo or dress suit, including a tie or bow tie, a dress shirt, which may include a vest or cummerbund, and dress shoes. Shirts are to be worn at all times. Tennis shoes and athletic shoes are unacceptable. If you are bringing a date from another school, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to make her aware of our dress code policy. Even though in the past, dress attire that did not meet this criteria may have been admitted, this criteria will be strictly adhered to beginning this year. Prom is a formal and special night for STA students. We hope to maintain the integrity and formality of this night by implementing this simple dress code; as such any students not appropriately dressed will be turned away at the door. There are hundreds of beautiful, tasteful, and appropriate dresses available for prom. If you have questions concerning your dress, it is your responsibility to seek prior approval from administration. For more information and pictures of appropriate and inappropriate dress, please see below.
These guidelines are consistent with guidelines we found on the internet for other schools. (Apalachee High School and Bentonville High School)

SEE EXAMPLES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES
STA PROM DRESS CODE
Why do we have a dress code?

STA staff and administration want you to make good choices. We are not trying to inhibit your style. Prom should be fun, but we want everyone to be comfortable and safe.
With modesty in mind, the following dress code guidelines will be enforced at the 2013 STA Prom.
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Dresses may not be cut below the bust line. The bust continues around your sides directly under the armpit. With arms down at your side, if flesh touches flesh below the bust line, the dress is inappropriate.
Dresses may be backless as long as they are not cut below the naval.

This dress meets dress code. Please notice how the bust is covered on the sides.
UNACCEPTABLE DRESSES
Midriffs will not be exposed. This includes both front and side. With arms down at your side, if flesh touches flesh in the midriff section, the dress is inappropriate.

This dress meets dress code.
UNACCEPTABLE DRESSES
Dresses may not have a slit that exceeds mid-thigh. This is fingertip length.

This dress meets dress code.
UNACCEPTABLE DRESSES
Pinning and Fabric Inserts

• No pinning will be allowed as an alteration for a dress if without the pins the dress does not meet dress code.

• Fabric inserts must be sewn, not pinned, on the dress if without the inserts the dress does not meet dress code.

• No cover-ups (coats, shawls, sweaters) will be allowed over dresses that do not meet dress code.
Pictures

Dress for pictures taken at the dance must also meet dress code. You may not wear an inappropriate dress to take pictures and then change into one that does meet code for the dance.
While we will be reasonable in our interpretation of these guidelines, we want you to know that you will not be allowed into the dance if you are dressed inappropriately.

Most importantly, this dress code does not limit your ability to show your style and uniqueness.
There are many beautiful and stylish dresses that do meet dress code.