



DRESS CODE

Boys

Dark Suit (charcoal, navy or black) OR
Dress trousers and Jacket/Blazer

Dress shirt

Tie

Belt

Dark socks

Leather-soled dress shoes

Year end Formal – Dark suit, white shirt and tie



Boys Trousers

Dress trouser paired with a matching suit jacket or blazer.

No jeans or cargo pants

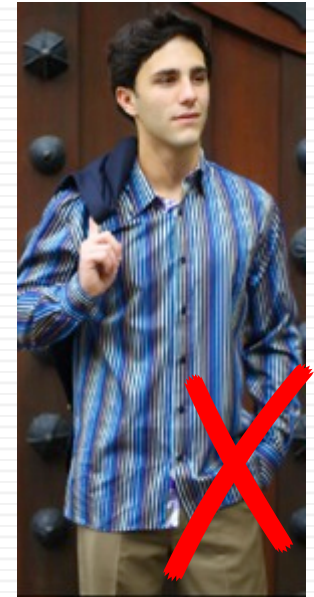
Dress Shirt

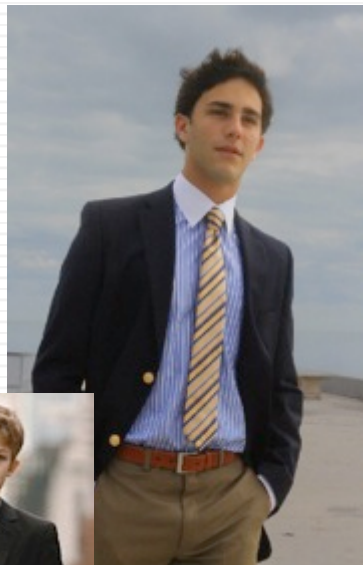
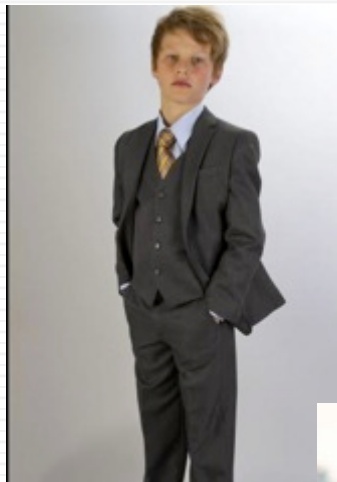
Cotton dress shirt

Shirts should fit properly and must always be tucked in with the top button fastened

Cuff links are fine, but are not required

A white dress shirt is required for the Year End Formal





Jacket

Blazer or suit

A dark suit (charcoal, black or navy) is required for formal

A three piece suit is fine, but is probably too warm for dancing

Tie

A Tie is mandatory

Ties may be solid, striped or patterned, however, they must be 'tied'.

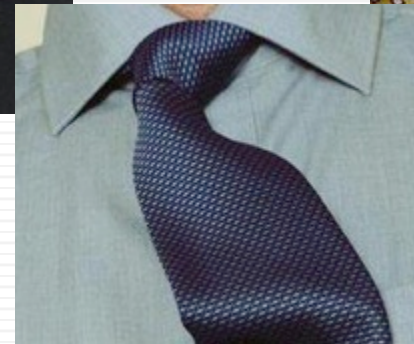
Elasticized ties and clip on ties are not permitted as they defeat the purpose of learning how to tie a tie.

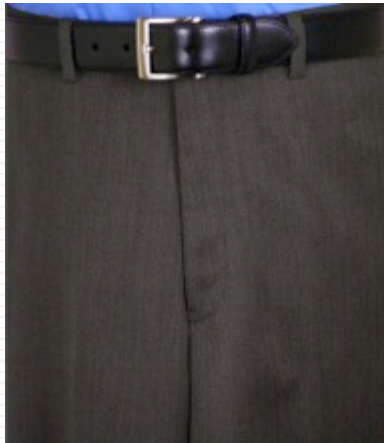
Novelty ties are not permitted.

Boys should learn how to tie their own tie.

If you have trouble finding a tie that is the right length for your son then we suggest having a men's tie shortened at the tailor.

Dressy Bow Ties are fine, as long as they are tied, not pre-tied.





Belts

Boys should wear a dress belt.

A belt that is as wide as the length of a thumb is considered a dress belt. Anything wider is considered a casual belt.

Dress belts usually have a glossy, reflective surface, while casual belts are matte or muted.

A dress belt should always match the colour and finish of the shoes.

Socks

Ideally, socks should be a shade darker than the suit or trousers to keep a uniform look.

Match socks to trousers not to shoes.

Patterned socks are okay, but should be worn only with a solid suit. The colour should still blend with the colour of the trouser.

Dress socks should be thin and should be long enough so that no leg is shown while seated.

A good rule of thumb is to match the thickness of the sock with the thickness of the trouser.

White socks NO!



Shoes

Boys must wear leather-soled dress shoes.

Leather soles are critical for dancing, as rubber-soled shoes catch on the dance floor and can cause injury.

Rubber-soled shoes also mark the dance floor.

Leather-soled shoes in children's sizes can be difficult to find. The trainer store in Stanley often carries some leather-soled school shoe styles. US and British department stores also carry leather-soled shoes.

Another option for boys is a leather ballroom shoe. Ballroom shoes have a delicate suede sole so can't be worn outside or be exposed to water. They are, however, very comfortable and are ideal for dancing.

Ballroom shoes can be purchased at Paul's Ballet Supplies: Shop 64, 1/F Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, Admiralty, Telephone 25272860

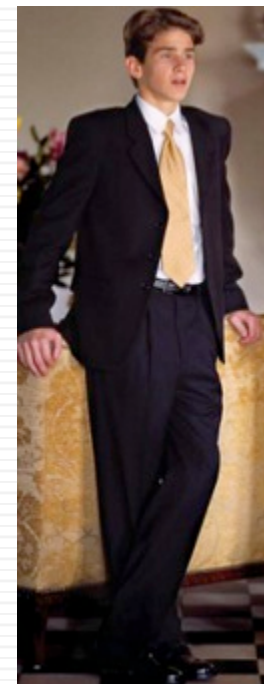
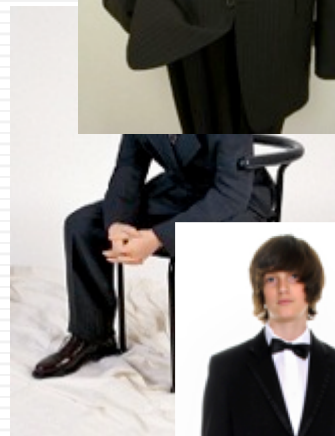
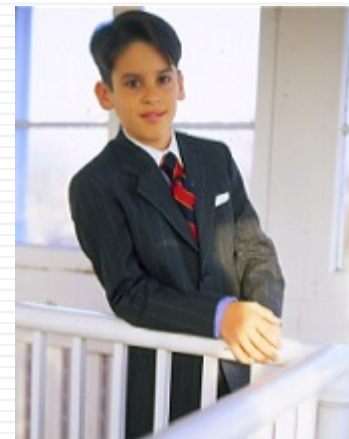
If all else fails, most of the cobblers in Central can attach a leather sole to any shoe.



Year-End Formal

For the Year-End Formal the boys should wear a dark suit (black, charcoal or navy), a white shirt and a tie.

If your son has a dinner jacket and would like to wear black tie he is welcome to, however, it is not necessary.



Girls

Party dress OR

Dressy skirt/blouse

Dress/Skirt must AT LEAST touch the knee when standing up straight.

Leather-soled dress shoe/sandal with a small heel and a back strap

Gloves

Year-End Formal – white dress– covering the knee, tea-length, or long, white gloves, neutral solid colored shoes

Dresses

Dresses must be secure for dancing. No strapless, backless, spaghetti straps and nothing too revealing

Strapless dresses can be modified by sewing two one inch straps to the dress.

Underwear must not be visible. Please check the arm hole of the girls' dresses by having them lift their arms over their head. Straps may not show at the back of the dress either.

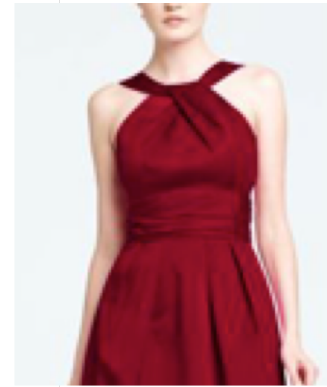
Dresses must touch the knee. Please have the girls stand upright to ensure that their dress is not too short.

If a dress has a transparent top layer, it is the opaque under layer that must touch the knee.

Girls should be careful of full skirts. Do the "twirl test". Dances taught at Cotillion involve a lot of turning and beautiful full skirts can lift to the waist showing much more than intended.

Stocking/pantyhose are optional, however, leggings are not permitted

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Shoes

Girls should wear leather-soled dress shoes with a back or strap and low heel (recommend no more than 2 1/2 inches high and at least 1 inch wide).

Rubber-soled shoes, slides, loose sandals and platforms are not safe for dancing.

Ballroom dance shoes are a great option. They are ideal for dancing and very comfortable.

Ballroom shoes can be purchased at Paul's Ballet Supplies: Shop 64, 1/F Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, Admiralty, Telephone 25272860

Note: ballroom shoes have a delicate suede sole so should not be worn outside. The girls can bring them to Cotillion and change before class.

Another good source of leather-soled shoes is Vickie's in the Lanes. They have lots of low-heel options. Vickie: G/F, 6 Li Yuen St. East, Central, phone 25229013





Gloves

Girls must wear gloves

Gloves may be any colour

Gloves were originally invented to protect women's hands. The same is true today. They act as a barrier between the girls and their dancing partner's often 'wet' hands and make the girls much more comfortable!

Gloves can be purchased at Cotillion in white or black for \$20.

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COTILLION IN TOWN DRESS CODE

Year-End Formal

For the Year-End Formal the girls are to wear white dresses.

Dresses must cover the knee. Tea length and long are also fine. If a long dress is worn, please make sure it is easy to dance in.

Dresses can be strapless for this occasion, however, not revealing. All other dress code applies.

Shoes should be solid neutral colors - white, beige, gray, silver, gold, black.

Dresses must be all white – no decoration of another color.

