

## T.E.A.C.H. Prom Guidelines

### ELIGIBILITY

1. Participants must be 15 years of age at the time of the prom - proof of age and prom ticket is required to be admitted into the prom.
2. Participants are limited to homeschooled students and their guests, one guest per student.
3. The Prom Committee will consider admitting additional guests on a case-by-case basis, contingent upon their agreement to abide by the Prom dress code, and conduct themselves appropriately during the Prom (go to [www.teachhomeschool.com](http://www.teachhomeschool.com) for information about T.E.A.C.H guidelines). Additional guests will only be considered for admittance if enough space is available after all home-schooled students have bought tickets.
4. T.E.A.C.H. Board members and Prom committee adults will attend as chaperones. Other adults who wish to take pictures or see the content must wear appropriate attire and will have a limit of 15 minutes for pictures.
5. Students who have outstanding debts to T.E.A.C.H. or Beach Breakers are not eligible to participate until those debts are paid.
6. Parking Permits will be given as needed upon arriving at the Prom.

### GUIDELINES FOR DRESS AT THE PROM

#### Ladies:

1. Dresses must conform to the Prom guidelines outlined here. If dresses do not conform, attendees may be asked to leave or wear a Beach Breakers t-shirt for the duration of the Prom. **\*New this year\*** It will be the responsibility of the Prom attendee, guest and parents/guardians to ensure dresses meet the dress guidelines listed here. Two voluntary dress checks will be organized by the Prom committee for the convenience of the attendees. Ladies are encouraged to go to a dress check to make sure their dress conforms to the guidelines so that they will be allowed to go to the Prom.
2. Dress Check Dates and Times

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4-7 p.m.**

**Friday, April 17, 2020 4-7p.m.**

**Location: Kempsville Christian Church Fellowship Hall 5424 Parliament Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Entrance to Fellowship Hall is on Yoder Lane.**

3. On the topic of “cleavage”, ladies should make sure that the bodice is large enough to maintain modesty when jump dancing or leaning over. If there is too much cleavage showing, participants will be asked to wear a Beach Breakers t-shirt. When considering modesty, make sure the side view is as modest as the front and back (Modesty is defined as the quality or state of decency, decorum, lack of excesses, dressing in a way that is considered to be unassuming, reasonable, decent, lacking pretentiousness).
4. The back of the dress must not be lower than the bottom of the shoulder blades. Participants must understand that one dress may be appropriate for one body type, but not for all, and the final determination for dress approval will be made by the Prom Coordinator.
5. Dresses should be tea length or longer.
6. No strapless dresses. All dresses should have strong, secure, sewn-in straps (single or double straps), to prevent a “wardrobe malfunction”.
7. No exposed mid-drifts and/or cropped top style dresses. No cut-outs at all are allowed.
8. Slits – No slits should come up higher than the knee.

**\*\*\*\*Prom Coordinators highly encourage any attendee that may have a question about her dress to come to one of the two scheduled dress checks, March 24 and April 17 at Kempsville Christian Church from 4-7 p.m. If your dress fails to meet and/or maintain these guidelines during the prom, you will be required to purchase a Beach Breakers t-shirt (\$10) to be worn over your dress. If the Prom attendee and/or parent refuses to comply, the Prom attendee will be asked to leave without a refund.** We want all our Prom attendees to enjoy this event, so please follow and adhere to the listed guidelines and proactively have your dress checked if there is any question of whether it complies with Prom dress guidelines.

The TEACH website shows pictures of appropriate dresses. Click on PROM to see those pictures. **If there are any questions, feel free to send clear and full view pictures of the dress to Mrs. Teri Mustard (757-676-3811) or Mrs. Melissa Caldwell (757-822-4380) and the Prom Coordinators will get back with you as soon as possible. For email inquiries, use this email: [teachprom@gmail.com](mailto:teachprom@gmail.com).**

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Gentlemen:

1. Young men will wear a tuxedo or a suit and tie.
2. Hair should be neat and well-groomed.
3. No open-toed shoes are to be worn at the Prom.