

Senior Girls - Graduation Attire Requirements

Baccalaureate Ceremony:

- Suit (any color except solid black) – may consist of a skirt and jacket, a sheath dress and jacket, or a pantsuit with jacket. Skirts or sheath should be no shorter than 2-3” above knee.
- Short gloves (gloves may match the suit or be white or black)
- Coordinating spring hat
- Coordinating Dress Shoes *

Awards Ceremony/Ascension Ceremony and Rose and Sabre

- Street length PURE white summer dress (Not ivory or off white)**
- Short white gloves
- White or Nude/Tan Dress Shoes *

Commencement:

- Pure white formal dress (Not ivory or off white)***
- Long white gloves
- White or Nude/Tan Dress Shoes *

*Dress shoes should be conservative. Heel height should be comfortable and such that steps are easily negotiated. No flip flops: if the shoes are sandals with heels, straps are highly recommended.

**Girls wear this dress on stage and other places where they will be higher than the crowd. The length should be right above the kneecap or longer. Spaghetti straps, halters, or strapless dresses are only acceptable if the graduate’s body type allows and the dress fits appropriately. We ask that dresses be pure white because ivory and cream colors are very obvious in group photos. Please be certain that the dress is not so thin as to be “see-through” (or assure that appropriate undergarments are worn to mitigate the effect of thin material).

***A conservative, debutante-type dress is appropriate. Low backs and revealed cleavage are not acceptable. Dress needs to fit your body so you are not pulling it up when you walk. Sequins should be kept to a minimum; the dress should be suitable for daytime wear. We ask that dresses be pure white because ivory and cream colors are very obvious in the beautiful color pictures of the event.

For reference, a short video showing some previous year’s graduation dresses and suits is available at this link: <https://youtu.be/sZfR2fammTU>

All dresses and suits must be modeled and approved in advance by the Dean of Residential Life; to schedule this appointment, please email guentherc@smabears.org