

2020 **REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION GOWNS**

The Mercy High School graduation is a long-standing tradition and point of pride, as well as the formal culmination of your daughter's Mercy education. We ask each graduate to wear a **floor length white gown** for this formal occasion. For the dignity of the celebration, please keep in mind body type, comfort and modesty when selecting your gown.

Requirements for graduation attire:

- Dress must be **white** (not ivory, off white, etc. including trims)
- Dress may be sleeveless as long there are two straps at least two inches in width
- Dress may not be strapless, backless, heavily beaded, off the shoulders, one strap, mermaid or high/low style
- Dress may *not* show cleavage
- Dress may not have slits in the front, back or sides
- Dress may *not* have a train
- No clingy, stretch material
- White dress shoes are required (no sneakers, Birkenstocks, etc.)
- Graduates may *not* wear shawls, hats or other accessories
- Proper foundation garments are a must, long slips or extra lining recommended (Opera House lighting may make dresses see-through)

In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, every student must have her white graduation gown approved by Dr. Cheryl Kreger or her assistant, Mrs. Marlene Wojcik. You are welcome to bring your choice of dress to the Advancement Office for approval at any time during the school year, but it must be approved by May 1, 2020.

Begin your shopping for a gown in early fall or buy the material and pattern to have it made. Please do not wait until May. You may consult the following website, www.UWDress.com and the following style numbers: D42268, D01073, D73928, D80685, D92678, D84888, D19673, D02487, D23311 to show what types of gowns are appropriate.

These requirements are made to assure that every graduate looks her best and the ceremony is dignified.

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