

Dance Rules/Understanding of Dance Behavior

Bay High School and its many student and parent organizations can provide safe, fun social events only with the cooperation of all students and their parents. The desire is for the student body to have fun, memorable and meaningful experiences. We feel the following guidelines will enable this to occur and will be strictly enforced at all Bay High School dances:

1. The expectation is for students to come to a dance drug, tobacco and alcohol free and to remain as such. All students and their guests will be subject to a breathalyzer test at all dances. There is a specific procedure for the application of breathalyzers. Students may also be subjected to personal and/or property/vehicle search prior to entering (or during) the dance, if their behavior/condition warrants it. Suspensions, expulsions and possible arrests will be dealt with on an individual basis upon the discovery of such behavior. Students suspected of possessing or using alcohol, tobacco or drugs immediately before or during a dance will be subject to school discipline and detained until parents arrive to take their child home. Other arrangements will be made for the student's removal, if a parent cannot be found.
2. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time for all dances (deadline should be at 1:33 p.m. of the day of or just prior to a dance-this could be extended to 3:45 p.m. on the same day by the dance organizer).
3. In most years, there are two semi-formal dances (Homecoming and Snoball), one formal dance (Prom-for seniors only) and two fundraising dances (Halloween and a Spring Dance (e.g. Decades Dance, Techno-Dance, etc.). There are, from time to time, dances held after football and basketball games, as well.
4. At the two semi-formal dances all males must wear a collared shirt and tie (suit, sport coat, tuxedo and/or dinner jacket ensemble is preferred). At Prom, all males must wear a suit, collared shirt and tie or a tuxedo (dinner jacket ensemble). A Tuxedo is preferred. Young ladies are expected to wear formal dresses or pant suits (no dresses will be permitted which overly expose). Shirts must be worn at all times; t-shirts are never appropriate. Undergarments should not be visible; no jeans are permitted at formal or semi-formal dances. This attire is for the entire evening.
5. Dances are for Bay High School students. Friends from other schools and other guests are not permitted with the exception of approved guests for Homecoming, Prom and Snoball. Guest forms for out-of-school dates are available and required for only these three events. No middle school students are ever permitted to attend. College (age) students, 20 years of age or younger, are permitted at Bay High school's Prom ONLY. **Students, who are bringing an out of school date, must be in an established relationship. Students must clear their date with a member of the administration or the adult dance organizer. This would cause potentially a face to face, telephone interview, etc. establishing such existence.**
6. Most dances are held from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. (some are 8:00-10:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. or 8:30-10:30 p.m.). Prom includes a dinner which usually runs from 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. All students should be picked up no later than fifteen minutes after the announced scheduled ending of all dances. Dance times will be announced. All school rules and Board policies will be enforced at all dances. These rules include appropriate dress (hats, coats, revealing clothing, sunglasses-upon arrival, etc.) and **appropriate dance (no moshing, body surfing, slam dancing, grinding, sexually charged/explicit dancing or any type of dance, which could be deemed inappropriate for school).**
7. No one will be permitted to enter a dance more than 30 minutes after its scheduled starting time unless arranged with the administration 48 hours prior to the dance (this is done on a rare, individual basis when a major conflict presents itself e.g. a conflicting athletic contest). Late dinner reservations are not an excuse for being late for a dance.
8. Parents of those students who have purchased a ticket but who have not appeared at a formal or semi-formal dance will be called.
9. Students who leave a dance may not return. All things needed for a dance must be in the student's possession upon arrival; there is no return to cars for cameras, purses, etc. At all dances, all students must stay until one hour remaining in the evening (normally 10:00 p.m.). Exceptions must be cleared with the administrators.
10. No limousines or service of any kind will be permitted to be used at any dance except the Prom.
11. There will be a limit of 500 students at any dance held in the cafeteria. In order for the dance to be held, there must be an appropriate number of chaperones on hand; otherwise the dance will be cancelled.
12. The expectation is for all students and their guests to behave in a courteous and polite manner at all times. Dances are privileges, not entitlements. The expectation is for school leaders to challenge and aid in correcting misbehavior. The privilege to have a dance lends itself to a collective responsibility for self-monitoring of the student body's behavior.
13. Students should bring their school ID's to all dances. Students are not permitted on the stage unless requested by the administration or the "DJ".
14. Any disruption of a school dance, such as fighting, chanting of profanity, willful disobedience of an adult chaperone or anything which could be defined as unruly behavior will be handled on an individual basis, where possible (this will include but not be limited to removal from the dance, discipline from school or, in extraordinarily rare instances, arrest).

Students removed from a dance may be prohibited from attending future dances (all dances including Prom) for up to one year. In addition, the degree of group misbehavior may jeopardize the holding of future dances. Though group punishment is not a preferred consequence, group disobedience (chanting, general unrest) may result in the instantaneous cancellation of the dance (there will be no refund). Furthermore, cancellation of a dance after it has started may result in the cancellation of all dances for up to a year. Parents will be called by their children or the school, when possible, should an early cancellation take place. Continued dance privileges for an individual or group will be determined by the Principal and/or Assistant Principal.

Commitment to Responsible Dance Behavior

I have read the aforementioned, and if I choose to attend a dance, I intend to comply completely by the stated rules. I understand that there are individual responsibilities and also recognize that group misbehavior at any dance may result in that dance being cancelled and all school dances cancelled for a year. A point of reference: It should be understood that if this form is not signed by parent and student, the student may not attend any dance.

NOTE: This agreement will carry from start of BHS through graduation, unless rules have changed, than a new agreement will be given.

Student Signature

Please print your name

GRADE

Parent Signature

Please print your name

DATE

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