

# Mentor High School Dance Guidelines

The following policies are designed to promote an environment in which all students and adults feel safe and comfortable. Enforcement of the dress and dance guideline is at the discretion of the Mentor High School staff and administration. Students and/or their guests in violation of the Mentor High School Dance Guidelines may be immediately removed from the dance and have their parents called, and will be prohibited from attending future dances.

## General Guidelines

1. Students are not permitted to leave the dance and return.
2. Mentor High School administration has the right to search any handbags, book bags, or large parcels. Students are encouraged NOT to bring these items to a dance.
3. School rules apply at all dances.
4. Students are asked to use good judgment and to wear appropriate dress with no short skirts or dresses that reveal excessive cleavage or the midriff. The ultimate decision of appropriate dress will be by the Mentor High School staff and administration.
5. School authorities maintain the right to prohibit music that is not consistent with the mission of the District.
6. For all school dances, tickets will be sold in advance of the dance. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.
7. Students must present their ticket to gain entrance into the dance.
8. Students may be sent home for inappropriate dancing or behavior.
9. The school is not responsible for articles lost or stolen at a dance.
10. Student will be required to take a breathalyzer test prior to entrance into the dance. Additionally, if there is reasonable suspicion that a student or guest of a student is under the influence of alcohol, the student may be required to take a breathalyzer test to determine if the suspicion is accurate.

## Student Responsibility

Students are expected to maintain an appropriate style of dance. Students should avoid inappropriate dancing such as “grinding”. Front-to-back and front-to-front dancing are equally permitted at all Mentor High School Dances unless the following actions are committed:

1. A dancer bending excessively over
2. Any purposeful physical contact that involves thrusting or grinding
3. Hands in inappropriate places (i.e. hand that are not on hips or shoulders, hands under clothing, etc.)
4. More than two people dancing together (this is not inclusive to conga lines and the like)
5. Moshing or other types of dance that could harm others
6. Public displays of affection or making out

## Enforcement of Behavior Policy

Students found to out of compliance with the Mentor High School Dance Guidelines will:

1. They will be given a verbal warning that they are in violation
  - a. They will be informed of what action(s) led to this warning
  - b. They will be informed of the consequence of a second violation
2. If a student has to be spoken to again they will be dismissed from the remainder of the dance, without a refund, and their parents will be notified.

### **Chaperone's Responsibility**

1. Mentor High School STAFF are the only adults allowed to confront students directly REGARDING DANCE BEHAVIOR.
2. If a non-staff chaperone witnesses a violation of dance behavior, they are to report to a staff member, they are not to confront the student(s).
3. As students are expected to follow the dance behavior policy, chaperones shall abide by it as well, not confronting any student who is abiding by the policy.
4. Personal opinions shall not influence the decision of a chaperone to confront a student regarding their dance behavior. They are expected to be objective in their decisions.
5. The students of Mentor High School wish for safe and fun dances for all attendees and wish to work WITH chaperones to see this happen.

### **Disc Jockey (DJ) responsibilities:**

All music must be approved by school administrator or school representative:

1. Will use only clean radio edits of songs.
2. Will not play anything the school administrators feel is inappropriate for the evening or age group.
3. Will stop the music immediately if:
  - a. A disruption in the crowd develops
  - b. Asked to by an administrator of the school
  - c. There is fighting, or throwing objects
  - d. If anything that could injure someone is occurring (i.e. students are the shoulders of other students, etc.)
4. D.J. must respond to directions from administrators.