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## Behavior and Dress Guidelines for UHS Homecoming/Prom (and Other Formal Dances)

The following guidelines have been developed within the spirit of the Urbana Board of Education approved dress code with adaptation for homecoming, prom and other formal dances. These guidelines have been established to include behavior and dress.

## **Behavior**

The UHS Board of Education approved Student Code of Conduct will be in effect at all times. Students who choose to bring an outside guest (a person other than a currently enrolled UHS student) will be responsible for making sure the properly completed and approved application is on file for that guest and for making sure the guest is able to provide identification upon arriving at the event. Students are reminded that age limits for attending school dances are 9<sup>th</sup> grade through age 20, except for prom, which is 11<sup>th</sup> grade through age 20. Students are responsible to properly inform and clarify the Student Code of Conduct to their dates.

While music and dance styles have certainly changed over the past years, students should be reminded that school-sponsored dances are not clubs or private parties. Students must be reminded that dancing, which the school administration considers lewd or overtly sexual in nature, will not be tolerated. Students dancing in a manner deemed lewd or inappropriate will be removed from the dance floor for the first offense and will be removed from the dance altogether on the second offense. Front to back contact (grinding) is an example of inappropriate dancing and will not be tolerated. Continued inappropriate dancing/behavior at dances could affect attendance in future dances at UHS.

#### **Boy's Formal Dress**

Prom: tuxedo, suit, or sports blazer with dress slacks including formal dress shirt and tie (vest and cummerbund are optional).

Homecoming or other formal dance: items as listed as above for prom **or** dress slacks and collared shirt with a tie or sweater. Jackets and ties may be removed during dancing, but shirts must be worn and buttoned at all times.

#### Girl's Formal Dress

Formal dresses or gowns may be strapless or may feature spaghetti straps. Bare or open backs are acceptable as long as they are no lower than the natural waist. Bare stomachs/midriffs are permitted so long as they do not exceed two inches of exposed skin, sit too high, or sit too low. Holes or openings down the side of the torso are permitted so long as they are not lower than the natural waist or excessively high. Garments that are extremely tight, extremely short, or extremely low-cut are unacceptable. Any adjustments made to a dress or gown to meet these requirements must be a permanent fix, not temporary.

If a student is unsure about the acceptability of his/her planned attire, he/she may present the attire or a picture of the attire being worn (including front, back, and side views) for review by a faculty/administration review committee ahead of time.

The principal or assistant principal must approve any requested exemptions to the dress guidelines above.

The administration, faculty, and Board reserve the right of final judgment on what is appropriate and acceptable. Students whose dress and/or behavior do not meet the guidelines may be denied admission to the event or removed from the event.

We hope your Homecoming, Prom, or other formal dance will be an evening providing many enjoyable memories to last a lifetime.