

EMS Dance Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When and where is the Dance?

A. Our first dance is Friday, November 4th, from 7:00-9:00PM at EMS.

(*Two more dances are already planned for Friday, January 20th, 2023, and Friday, May 19, 2023.)

Q. Do I need to buy a ticket for the dance?

A. **Yes, all students need a ticket to attend the dance.** Tickets are \$7 for one dance, or you can buy a dance pass good for all three dances for \$18. Tickets can be purchased now, online through the Online Payment System at: <https://wa-lakewashington.intouchreceipting.com/> Tickets can also be purchased in person from Ms. Soetomo at the Cashier window before school and during both lunches. The cashier window is NOT open after school. **In-person sales are only for four days.** Tickets will only be sold in-person for the four days leading up to the dance (Monday, Oct 31st – Thursday, November 3rd). Students must have exact change to purchase with cash. We do not have change available. **THERE ARE NO TICKET SALES THE DAY OF THE DANCE AND NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR THAT NIGHT.** If you forget to buy your ticket in person by Thursday, November 3rd, the online payment system will allow you to purchase tickets until midnight, on Thursday night (11/3).

Q. What is the dance theme?

A. Neon Night! Wear neon, glow-in-the dark, white, or colors that will glow under black light.

Q. Is there a dress code? Do I have to dress up for the dance?

A. **Nope, it is not that kind of dance.** This is not a formal event. It is a middle school social. Students may choose to dress in the theme of the dance, but you do not have to. You should wear whatever you will be comfortable in. Some kids will dress for the theme, some will wear jeans or sweats, you could even show up in PJ's if you wanted to. Just show up clothed. The regular school dress code applies, but other than that, it is up to you. Fancy shoes are not recommended, as they are hard to dance in and can damage the gym floor.

Q. Do I need to bring a date or ask anyone to go to the dance with me?

A. **Nope, it is not that kind of dance.** EMS Dances are more like socials or just time to hang out with friends. There will be:

- Dancing in half of the gym with a DJ
- Something active, such as an inflatable obstacle course/slide, in half of the gym
- A movie in the commons
- A concession stand to buy snacks (run by PTSA)
- A selfie station to take photos with friends
- Board games in the library
- And possibly other activities (depending on the number of chaperones we have to run them). *Want more activities? Ask your parent to chaperone.*

Q. Can all students use the inflatables at the dance?

A. All students who want to use the inflatable obstacle course, **MUST have an inflatable permission form on file for this year.** If you did not fill out an inflatable permission form for your child at Back to Business in August, you can fill out the **Inflatable permission form online** at: <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/YwPngYtk3A>. Each child needs the form completed, so if you have more than one child at EMS, you need to fill out the form separately for each child. One form is good for the entire 2022-2023 school year.

Q. How will EMS staff know that I am coming to the dance?

A. All students who plan to come to the dance need to purchase a ticket, either online or in-person. **All students who purchased a ticket, need to pick up a dance wristband at lunch on the day of the dance (Friday, November 4th).**

Q. Can friends from other schools come to the dance?

A. No. We are a closed campus. Only EMS students, staff chaperones, and approved parent chaperones are allowed to attend.

Q. Can I come late, or leave early?

A. **All students should plan to arrive at 7pm and stay for the whole dance (until 9pm).** If you must arrive late, the adult who drove you to the dance must come with you to the front doors to check you in late. If you have circumstances that require you to leave before 9pm, your parent/guardian must clear that with Mr. Dahl or Ms. Morrison ahead of time, AND they must come to the main doors of the school to pick you up. You will not be allowed to “meet them in the parking lot” before the end of the dance.

Q. What do I need to bring to the dance?

- Small bills for the concession stand if you plan to buy snacks. If everyone brings twenty-dollar bills, the concession volunteers will run out of change. Small bills are best (\$1's and \$5's)
- Your phone to take photos at the selfie station.
- Nothing else. You should only bring what you are willing to carry all night long. Students will not have access to their lockers during the dance. There is nowhere to safely leave your belongings, so if you bring it, you carry it with you FOR THE ENTIRE DANCE.
- And finally, do not bring things that are not allowed during the normal school day. Regular school rules apply at the dance too.

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