

# Policies

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## Westerly Public Schools School Dances and Functions WMS

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Various functions are scheduled during the school year by teams, departments, or organizations. Westerly Middle School evening activities/dances for sixth graders will ordinarily be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and for seventh and eighth graders will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The following policy applies to evening activities, dances, and functions:

1. Students are eligible to attend school dances and functions only if they have attended school on that day.
2. Students must arrive at school dances no later than ½ hour after the start of the dance and may not leave until the conclusion.
3. Students will only be allowed to leave earlier in the event of an illness or an emergency with the approval of an administrator and in the company of a parent or designated emergency contact. Students who leave any dance or activity may not re-enter, and parents will be contacted immediately.
4. Students from other schools may not attend dances as the guest of Westerly Middle School students.
5. Students under any influence of alcohol or drugs will be removed immediately from the dance and parents and police will be notified.
6. The group sponsoring the dance will be responsible for following the policy for a school dance.
7. Students must dress and dance appropriately. Fondling, bumping and grinding or anything that connotes sexual innuendo is prohibited.
8. Students must purchase tickets and provide signed parent permission, including contact phone number, in advance by the designated deadline. No tickets will be sold at the door.
9. Students attending other evening events such as spelling bee, prize speaking, music performance, etc. must be accompanied by an adult.
10. Parents/guardians are invited to chaperone evening school functions. They are considered volunteers and must meet all other policy requirements.
11. Evening activities are extracurricular. It will therefore remain an administrative decision based upon in-school behaviors prior to any dance/activity to deny any student the opportunity to attend. Student, parents/guardians will be informed when such a decision is necessary.
12. All other school rules apply.

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