



## **School Dance Regulations**

The basic purpose of dances is to provide you and approved guests with an opportunity to socialize after regular school hours in a controlled, adult supervised environment. Unless otherwise publicized, all dances are from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

To help make dances enjoyable for everyone, your cooperation with the following is required:

1. Separate dances will be held for grades 9 - 12 and 7 - 8.
2. Requests for dances are to be approved by the advisors and submitted to the Student Council and the Principal's office at least one month in advance of the date requested. However, it is suggested that the sponsoring group request a date much earlier to reserve the date wanted.
3. The student group, which is sponsoring the dance, must secure the number of teacher and other adult chaperones required by the High School Principal. If this number of qualified chaperones is not arranged at least three (3) days before the dance, the dance will be cancelled.
4. Dances are limited to Barker Central School students. Guests, including alumni, may be approved for 9 - 12 dances only. The student who invites a guest is responsible for informing him/her of the rules. Guest permits are to be obtained from the office by the student who wishes to bring a guest. Parents of students requesting a guest must compile a guest pass application and obtain administrative approval prior to the Wednesday before the dance. Under no circumstances, however, will Middle School students be admitted. The Principal may refuse permission for a guest to attend based on the age of the guest or previous disruptive behavior of the guest or the student.
5. You must arrive by 8:00 p.m., immediately enter the building, and remain inside in the specific area designated by the chaperones for the entire dance. If you leave the building before the dance has ended, you will not be readmitted, and you must leave school property promptly. If you must arrive after 8:00 p.m., obtain prior approval from the Principal's office.
6. Anyone arriving at the dance who, in the judgment of any teacher or chaperone, appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or is in possession of same, will be immediately removed from the dance area, have parents notified, removed from the building, and referred to the office for further disciplinary action.
7. Demonstrate acceptable behavior.
8. Driving, while entering or leaving school grounds, must be reasonable, prudent, and safe, never exceeding 10 miles per hour.
9. It is your responsibility to arrange for transportation home after the dance. Except in an unusual circumstance, if you are not picked up within 30 minutes after the end of a dance, you will be referred to the office and will not be permitted to attend the next dance.
10. Loitering any place outside the school building is prohibited whether on the way to, during, or after the dance.

11. All other regular day school rules are also in effect at dances.
12. **Students who owe disciplinary consequences will not be allowed to attend dances.** Also students who are absent from school the day of a dance will not be allowed to attend.
13. Students are to check coats and/or book bags at the entrance to the gym and will not be permitted to go to their lockers at any time during the dance. Chaperones may inspect the contents of purses, backpacks, etc. upon entering or at any time during the dance.