

EMS Dance - Frequently Asked Questions 2025-2026

Q. When and where is the Dance?

A. Our first dance is Friday, November 14th, from 6:00-8:00PM at EMS.

(*Two more dances are already planned for Friday, February 27th, 2026, and Friday, May 15th, 2026.)

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

A. **Yes, all students need a ticket to attend the dance.** Tickets are \$8 for one dance, or you can buy a **Dance Pass** good for all three dances for \$20. Tickets and dance passes can be purchased now, online through the Online Payment System at: <https://wa-lakewashington.intouchrecepting.com/> Tickets and dance passes 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 open now for the November dance.** Tickets are usually sold in-person for three weeks leading up to the dance. Students must have exact change to purchase with cash. We do not have change available.

TICKET SALES END THE DAY BEFORE THE DANCE AND THERE ARE NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE DANCE. If you forget to buy your ticket in person by Thursday, November 13th, the online payment system will allow you to purchase tickets until midnight, on Thursday night (11/13).

Q. What is the dance theme?

A. The theme for the November dance is “Twilight Under the Big Top” – Think circus/carnival vibes. Wear red, white, yellow, or anything that feels like the circus or a carnival to you. Most importantly, wear whatever that you feel comfortable in. Dressing for the theme is **optional**.

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 inflatable games or basketball, in the other half of the gym
- A movie in the commons
- A concession stand to buy snacks (run by PTSA) **Bring small bills to purchase snacks*
- A selfie station to take photos with friends
- Board games in the library
- And possibly other activities like an escape room, BINGO, and/or karaoke (depending on the number of chaperones we have to run them). *Want more activities? Ask your parent/guardian to chaperone.*

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

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

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, or dance pass, either online or in-person. **All students who purchased a ticket or dance pass need to bring their student ID card to pick up a dance wristband at lunch on the day of the dance** (Friday, November 14th). **You must have your student ID card to pick up your wristband that day.**

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. Can all students use the inflatables at the dance?

A. All students who want to use the inflatable games, **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/DPQEtFhGAP>

Students can also pick up a hard copy of the inflatable form from Ms. Soetomo or Ms. Miller, for their parent/guardian to sign. Signed hardcopy forms can be turned in to the basket on Ms. Soetomo's desk.

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 2025-2026 school year. **Inflatables for the November dance are "40 Ft Obstacle Course", "Carnival 3-in-1 Game Wall" and "Zap a Mole".*

Q. Can I come late, or leave early?

A. **All students should plan to arrive at 6pm and stay for the whole dance (until 8pm).** 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 8pm, your parent/guardian must clear that with Mr. Engledew or Ms. Breynaert ahead of time, AND your parent/guardian 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.
- Backpacks and large bags are not allowed at the dance. Students bringing backpacks or large bags will be required to leave them outside during the dance.
- And finally, do not bring things that are not allowed during a normal school day. Regular school rules apply to the dance too.

Questions? Email Ms. Miller at trimiller@lwsd.org