

Students

5309 School Dances

A school-sponsored dance is a school activity subject to all provisions of the Student Activity Code, and is a privilege available to students meeting all requirements for participation.

**General Rules of Student Conduct at Dances.** In addition to all rules of student conduct in the Student handbook, students attending dances shall adhere to the following rules of conduct:

1. Who Can Attend: Only students of the Plattsmouth Community Schools and their guests may attend.
  - a. Students currently attending Plattsmouth High School or another Nebraska high school who have not been restricted from attending extracurricular activities at Plattsmouth High School or their own school are generally considered appropriate dates or invited guests.
  - b. Persons who are below 9<sup>th</sup> grade or older than 20 years of age and not attending high school are generally considered to not be appropriate dates or invited guests for our school dances.
  - c. Some school dances may be restricted to students attending specified grades levels at the Plattsmouth Community Schools. For any dances at the middle school level, only students attending the Plattsmouth Community Schools in the grade(s) for which the dance is being held may attend.
  - d. Students who have been suspended from school or from extracurricular activities may not attend.
  - e. The school reserves the right to exclude persons who may or do cause a disruption or detract from the event. Dates or invited guests not attending our school are expected to follow the same rules of conduct which apply to our students.
  - f. When a student or guest leaves the dance, they will not be allowed to reenter the event.
  - g. Students or their guests who engage in inappropriate behavior, whether on or off of the dance floor, may be asked to leave.
  
2. Prohibited Substances: Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and tobacco (including electronic nicotine delivery systems) are prohibited. Anyone using these or showing the affects of use will not be allowed admission or, if discovered after admission, be removed from the dance. Their parents may be contacted.
 

▲ ~~Staff, parents/volunteers, contractors/vendors, 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>-grade students,~~ and their dates ~~shall~~ be required to submit to a breathalyzer prior to gaining entrance. Those who choose not to submit to a breathalyzer will not gain entrance. Law enforcement will be contacted if there is reasonable suspicion that the student or a student’s date is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
  
3. Appropriate Attire: Students and their guests must meet the dress code requirements established for each dance. Teachers or administrators will make the final decision as to whether or not a student’s attire is appropriate. Students will be asked to change unacceptable items, which may mean that the student may have to return home to change

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the inappropriate clothing. It is advisable to check in advance of the dance with the Principal or staff sponsor for the event if you are uncertain about your attire.

**Eligibility for Selection of Royalty.** Nomination and selection of royalty for school sponsored dances is an honor awarded by students to those of their peers that exemplify the highest standards of integrity and achievement. Students nominated for dance royalty must have demonstrated through their conduct, academic achievement and activities that they have represented, and will represent, themselves, their classmates, and their school in a manner which reflects outstanding effort, commitment to their school and fellow students, and integrity and good citizenship in the school and in the community. The students selected to be the “royalty” for the Homecoming and Prom or any other school sponsored dance or activity shall meet that general standard as determined by the high school administration and, in addition, meet the following specific academic, activity and conduct standards:

1. Specific Dance Eligibility and Selection Requirements:
  - a. Homecoming Queen & King:
    - Only a senior girl shall be eligible to be Queen and only a Senior boy shall be eligible to be King.
    - To be eligible, a candidate must agree to attend the Homecoming Dance and represent the school properly.
    - The five queen candidates and the five king candidates will be selected by the senior class. Then, the queen and king will be chosen from the list of candidates by secret vote of the high school (9-12) student body.
  - b. Prom King, Queen, and Court:
    - Prom candidates will be selected two weeks (Tuesday) prior to the date of prom, due to the sale of tickets ending on Friday the week before prom and also for media pictures.
    - To be eligible, a candidate must agree to attend the Prom Dance and represent the school properly.
    - Selection of five senior girls as candidates for Queen and five senior boys as candidates for King will be made by the senior class by a secret ballot where all students names will be listed alphabetically by gender.
    - Only a Senior girl shall be eligible to be Queen and a Senior boy shall be eligible to be King. The candidates may not have been previously selected as royalty at another school sponsored dance.
    - Juniors will select three junior boys and three junior girls by secret ballot on the same day to represent the junior class as the prom court.
    - The week of prom, all juniors and seniors will vote for one prom Queen and one prom King from the list of five senior girls and the five senior boys.

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