

## **DRESS AND BEHAVIOR CODE – DANCES AND SOCIAL EVENTS**

Clay High School can provide safe, fun social events only with the cooperation of all students and their parents. Clay High School wants the student body to have fun, memorable, and meaningful experiences during high school functions, events, and dances. Clay High School believes the following guidelines will ensure safe experiences for all. These attire requirements are intended for the duration of the event and/or for the entire evening. Thus, the following guidelines will be strictly enforced at all Clay High School dances and events (including, but not exclusive of, homecoming, winter formal, prom, and fundraising dances):

- Formal attire is expected of all guests. This may include dresses, suits/tuxedos, shirt and tie, or other formal attire.
- Jeans, baseball hats, and t-shirts of any kind are not permitted.
- Undergarments should not be visible. See-through apparel is not permitted.
- Shirts or dresses must appropriately cover the bust and midriff. Backless dresses are permitted if they are not cut below the naval.
- Appropriate dress code expectations will be required for all students, at all times, for all informal dances.
- In order to gain entrance to school dances, bags may be searched and students may be randomly chosen to take a breathalyzer test. When there is reasonable suspicion of alcohol consumption, attendees may be required to submit to a breathalyzer test.

If rules and expectations are not followed, the offending student will not be allowed to enter the dance. (Rules for dances may vary according to the theme of the dance.) Students are advised to use good judgment when purchasing attire. Students must remember that they are attending a school function where dress code expectations are both appropriate and required, and must present as responsible young adults. Clay High School's dances are for Clay students and their guests. The expectation is that all attendees will be drug-, alcohol-, and tobacco-free. The following rules will be in place for guests who are not Clay High School students:

- All guests must have a guest form signed and turned in prior to purchasing a ticket. Forms must be signed by the CHS student, the guest, and the guest's parent/guardian.
- No middle school / junior high students are ever permitted to attend clay high school dances.
- College-age students, 20 years of age or younger, may be permitted at Clay High School's Prom, but must present an ID or birth certificate to the principal or the assistant principal prior to the dance. All non-CHS guests are required to present photo ID, confirming date of birth, before they will be admitted to the Prom.
- All Clay High School rules and Board of Education policies will be enforced at all dances and school functions and all attendees will be expected to follow these rules.
- Expectations also include appropriate dancing. (Inappropriate dancing includes, but is not limited to, "moshing," "bodysurfing," "slam-dancing," and any style of dancing that suggests sexual innuendo). Students who do not dance appropriately or safely will be removed from the event and may be prevented from attending future school dances or events.
- Students who leave a dance may not return. All items needed by the student during the dance must be in the student's possession upon arrival; there is no return to cars for cameras, purses, or other items of any kind.

- Dances will be held only when there are an appropriate number of chaperones available. If the appropriate number of required adult chaperones is not met, the dance will be canceled.
- Any disruption of a school dance, such as fighting, chanting of profanity, breaking of school rules, willful disobedience of an adult chaperone, or behavior or implied behavior which can be construed as unruly, will be handled on an individual basis. Such behavior may result in, but is not limited to, removal from the dance, discipline from school, or, in extraordinarily rare and extreme instances, intervention by law enforcement and arrest.
- Students and their guests are expected to behave in a courteous and polite manner at all times. Administration and school leaders will challenge and aid in correcting student and guest misbehavior and conduct. Dances are privileges, not entitlements. The privilege of having school dances requires the student body to assume responsibility for self-monitoring of their behavior.