

**School Dances**

**Code #373.00AR**

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

All Tri-County Area School District dances will be considered closed dances unless they have been specifically designated as open or proms.

Guests -- It is the intent of this policy that dances are for Tri-County students and their guests. Middle school students will not be admitted to high school dances, and high school students will not be admitted to middle school dances. No outside guests are allowed at middle school dances. Each Tri-County High School student may sponsor one (1) guest at a Tri-County dance operating under this policy. The Tri-County student will be held responsible for the behavior of his/her guest while in attendance at the function. Students must register their guest in the 7-12 office AND complete the "Tri-County High School *Dance Date Permission Form*" if they are bringing a guest to an open dance. The registration of the guest must be made prior to 3:00 p.m. two (2) days prior to the dance (i.e. - if a dance is to be held on Saturday, registration must be completed by Thursday at 3:00 p.m.). The Tri-County student and guest must arrange to enter the premises together.

Pertaining to guests, the following restrictions apply:

- 1) *Eligible guests must be high school students (defined as students ranging from ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) grade through twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grade and including all members of the graduating class for the CURRENT school year) OR must have graduated from Tri-County High School within the past two (2) years.*
- 2) *The building principal may deny a request for a guest to attend a dance if he/she has reason to believe that the guest's presence may cause an unnecessary disruption at the event.*

Tickets -- Tickets may be sold in advance of a dance as long as the buyer of the ticket is aware that it will be honored only if the holder of the ticket is a Tri-County student or registered guest of a Tri-County student. The night of the dance, tickets will be sold from the beginning of the event to the end of the event. Persons are not to be let in free of charge, nor shall a reduction of ticket price be allowed at anytime during the activity. Each person is entitled to one (1) ticket per night. A ticket holder who leaves the dance may not re enter the dance.

Time -- No activity shall run beyond midnight. The organization and the advisor will set the exact beginning and ending time.

Advisor -- The advisor of the organization sponsoring the event will be responsible for opening and closing the dance site. This means that the advisor will stay until the building is

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cleared and doors are locked. The advisor must be at the school at least one-half hour before the function begins.

Chaperones -- There will be two faculty chaperones at all dances. One male and one female chaperone will be represented at every dance. One of the two chaperones must be an advisor to the group which is holding the function. The use of parents as chaperones in addition to the two faculty chaperones is encouraged. Chaperones will be responsible for the decision to administer disciplinary action and enforcement of it.

Behavior -- The student handbook will be the guide for behavior. There will be no smoking, drinking, fighting, profanity or abusive language. In case of an offense by either party, both the guest and sponsor must leave the dance. Removal from a dance will result in the loss of the privilege of attending the next dance sponsored by the District. A second violation will result in suspension from all school-sponsored activities as a spectator for the remainder of the school year. That would include all class or club sponsored activities (i.e. - games, concerts, dances, banquets, etc.).

DANCE PREPARATION PROCEDURE:

All dances must be scheduled in cooperation with the 7-12 office to ensure that such events take place on dates and times that do not conflict with other school-sponsored events.

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