

RCHS School Dance Guidelines

Dances at Richland County High School are designed to provide a positive social setting for students, and to provide a safe place for students to gather for fun and entertainment. Since the dances are a function of the school, it is necessary for the school to establish guidelines that are designed to promote an environment in which all students and adults feel safe and comfortable.

Student Eligibility (All of these criteria begin at the start of the semester)

1. All RCHS students must be in good academic standing. This means that you must be passing 3 out of your 4 classes.
2. All RCHS students must have 8 or less *total* tardies to participate. (*16 or less for Prom*)
3. All RCHS students must have 2 or less office referrals (*3 or less for Prom*)

Student Appearance

While at RCHS events and activities, students and their guests are responsible to adhere to specific guidelines in student dress and appearance. As stated in the RCHS Student Handbook in Section 16, "*Clothing or other wearing apparel which is sexually explicit...*" is prohibited. Individuals attending school dances should plan to meet these guidelines for student dress and appearance. For the purpose of a school dance, a strapless dress is acceptable. Dresses that are not appropriate would be those with large cutouts to expose the midriff and/or the lower back, or dresses that are see-through or transparent.

Student Conduct

Students and their guests should expect to be held to a high standard of conduct when under RCHS jurisdiction and supervision. Student conduct at school dances falls into four main areas.

1. Dancing – Inappropriate dancing, which includes but is not limited to, "moshing", "body-surfing", "slam-dancing", "grinding", or any style of dancing deemed inappropriate by the dance supervisors.
2. Leaving the Dance – Students may not leave the dance once they have entered. Any student that leaves the dance early will not be allowed to re-enter. The time of departure will be noted by dance supervisors.
3. Guests – RCHS students bringing non-RCHS students to a dance must sign that guest up in the high school office at least one week prior to the dance, two weeks prior to Prom. Middle school students, individuals over the age of 21, or high school drop-outs are not allowed to attend RCHS dances. All guests must be approved by the administration. Guests will have their school administration/employer fill out the permission form with contact information. Failure to follow this process will result in non-admittance of the guest.
4. Use of Alcohol, Tobacco, or Drugs – Alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs are prohibited on the RCHS campus, or at school-sponsored events and activities. The school administration reserves the right to randomly sample students for alcohol use by using a portable alcohol sensing device. Students found in violation of this policy will face consequences as prescribed in the RCHS Student Handbook (Section 28 & 29).

The Richland County High School administration and dance supervision staff are responsible for making discretionary judgments about the adherence of these guidelines. Cooperation in each of these areas is expected so as to provide a positive and fun experience for all people involved. Failure to adhere to these guidelines can result in removal from the dance, police and/or parent notification, and disciplinary consequences as outlined in the RCHS Student Handbook.