

CARTER COUNTY DISTRICT

EAST CARTER HIGH SCHOOL

APPENDIX: 06.02

DANCE POLICY AND GUIDELINES

All students must sign and submit the Dance contract in order to attend a school dance.

No re-entry into the dance will be permitted for any student.

Students are to be in designated dance areas. Students found outside of the designated areas will be escorted off school property.

All students will be observed for illegal substances prior to entry into the dance.

Any student suspected of being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will be subject to evaluation.

Administrators, if given just cause, reserve the right to conduct bag searches.

Any student who refuses to comply will be denied entry into the dance.

Any vehicle, including limousines, can be searched with just cause at any time, by proper authorities. Passengers will be held responsible and subject to consequences for any illegal substances found within the vehicle.

The following guidelines apply on and off the dance floor:

- Sexually suggestive dancing and making out (overt and/or prolonged public displays of affection) will not be tolerated.
- Sexually suggestive dancing includes, but is not limited to:
 - o Straddling legs
 - o Front of one to back of another (No front to back dancing).
 - o Extreme bending over (45° or further)
 - o Touching of breasts, buttocks, or genitals
 - o Both feet not on the floor
 - o Hands anywhere other than waist or shoulders

If the chaperones deem it necessary, they reserve the right to turn on the lights in the vicinity.

Students removed from the dance or denied entry into the dance will not be given refunds and will lose dance privileges (including Prom) for the remainder of the year.

Middle school students may not attend high school dances. Guests of East Carter High School students must complete this contract and the guest registration form – only one guest per student. They are required to abide by all school rules and the terms of the contract. Anyone exhibiting disruptive behavior will be removed from the dance and parents will be notified. No refunds will be given.

Guests must arrive at the dance with their ECHS host student.

East Carter High School students and their parents/guardians are responsible for a guest's behavior. If there is a problem with a guest, that guest may never return.

A phone number where the parent of a guest can be reached on the night of the dance is required.

Dress Code Policy for Dances:

Parents please take a look at your student's attire prior to them leaving for a school dance or activity. Use the below listed dress code to make sure they are appropriately dressed.

Ladies:

- Dresses must be no shorter than 5 inches above the knee.
- The tops of all dresses must fully cover the breast area. Excessive cleavage is not allowed. V neck dresses must not plunge any deeper than the bottom of the bra line area.
- Backless to waist is permitted – below waist is not permitted (opposite your belly button)
- At no point on the dress should any part of the midriff be exposed. Dress backs must not fall below the waist (not the hip bone).
- Dresses may not have slits that go higher than 5 inches above the knee.
- Jackets, sweaters or other garments may not be used to cover a dress, which is inappropriate.
- No pierced body parts are to be visible except the earlobe and facial area.

Gentlemen:

At formal and semi-formal dances, including Prom and Homecoming, gentlemen are expected to wear dress slacks, collared dress shirt, necktie (traditional or bow), dress shoes or boots. Please note: a suit or sport coat is neither required nor encouraged.

- Collared shirt
- Shirts must have sleeves
- Shirts must remain on
- No hats (at semi or formal dances), bandanas, chains

The style of dance over the past few years has become a serious concern. Our goal is not to inhibit students' creativity but to bring acceptable decorum back to the dances. Dance appropriateness will be assessed by the staff during the dance.

East Carter High School Dance Policy Contract

To promote a healthy, safe, and enjoyable evening for all students, the attached policy and guidelines will be in place for all dances at East Carter High School. This includes dances held off campus but sponsored by East Carter High School. All students must read, understand and sign this agreement. East Carter High School encourages families to discuss these rules together with their students and retain a copy of this document for future reference.

This dance contract is for students who are currently attending East Carter High School and any approved guest. This form must be on file in order to purchase a dance ticket or enter a East Carter High School dance. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

Student Agreement

I understand the dances are a school-sponsored event and a privilege. I understand that all school rules will apply during the dance. I agree to abide by the dance entrance procedures outlined in the East Carter High School Dance Policies and Guidelines.

I agree to remain tobacco, drug and alcohol free for these events. If I fail to comply with these rules, I will become ineligible for admittance to the dance and may face further sanctions such as out of school suspension, a police ticket, and/or removal from the dance.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

I HAVE READ THE RULES AND GUIDELINES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

Student signature

Date

I have read the guidelines and agreement and agree to help my student abide by and cooperate with these policies.

Parent or Guardian signature

Date

Contact Phone Number (during the evening/weekend)