

2206 Student Activities: Dances

1. School dances provide a valuable opportunity to build and strengthen school culture, as well as give students a safe and appropriate environment to develop important social skills.
2. Definitions
 - a. "Stomp" dances
 - i. "Stomps" are dances sponsored by the school that are designed for students to come without a date.
 - ii. Only current Maeser high school students are allowed to come to stomps.
 - b. "Date" dances
 - i. "Date" dances are dances sponsored by the school that are designed for students to come with a date.
 1. For example, "Date" dances typically include Homecoming, Preference, and Prom.
 - ii. If a Maeser student brings a non-Maeser student to a date dance, a "Dance Guest" form must be completed and submitted to administration no later than one day prior to the dance, allowing ample time to obtain the necessary administrator signature.
 - iii. Non-Maeser student dance guests must be 19 years of age or younger..
 - c. "Moshing" is a style of violent dancing involving jumping up and down and deliberately colliding with other dancers, or otherwise physically hitting others with an intent to cause physical harm. For the purposes of this policy, simply jumping up and down in a group does not constitute moshing.
3. Dress and Grooming
 - a. No hats, bandanas or other head coverings are allowed
 - i. Hats or other head covering may be approved for specific themed events.
 - b. No clothing that promotes alcohol, drugs, gangs, profanity, tobacco, or illegal behavior is allowed.
 - c. No bare midriffs are allowed.
 - d. All clothing must remain buttoned or fastened, as originally intended, and on at all times.
 - e. No face coverings are allowed, unless specifically required in accordance with local health department guidelines and school policy.
 - f. Students who are in violation of the dance dress standards will be asked to change into appropriate attire.
 - i. Students who refuse to follow these dress and grooming guidelines will be removed from the dance.
4. Behavior
 - a. No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other illegal materials are allowed.

- b. No moshing, grinding, rubbing, or other sexually suggestive dancing is allowed.
- c. Students shall not lift other students off the ground, including up on shoulders or crowd-surfing.
 - i. If, in the opinion of an administrator, dancing that violates this policy occurs, the administrator will ask the DJ to stop the music and address the behavior.
- d. When the dance occurs at Maeser, students may not go into unauthorized areas, including, but not limited to, onto the stage, into locker rooms, into classrooms, upstairs, or on the far side of the gym divider.
- e. Students may go outside to the front steps of the school to cool down, but they may not loiter in the parking lot, on the soccer field, track, or other outside areas of the school.
- f. Students should be picked up promptly when the dance ends.

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