

Dance Dress Code and Conduct:

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):

- At prom, all young men must wear a suit, a collared shirt and tie, or a tuxedo (dinner jacket ensemble). At fundraising dances, males must wear collared shirts with sleeves and which must remain on the person, and dress pants or slacks. Jeans are not acceptable.
- Young ladies must wear formal dresses or formal pant suit ensembles. No dresses, skirts, or pant suit ensembles will be permitted which are shorter than finger-tip length, or which break the regular school dress code. All dresses, skirts, and pants suit ensembles will be finger tip length or longer. (Skirts with slits must include the slit stopping at finger tip length, as well.) No midriff exposure is permissible at any time. Cleavage must be within the limits considered appropriate for the school dress code.
- Undergarments, whether on males or females, must not be visible; no jeans are permitted by males or females, whether at formal or semi-formal dances.
- Appropriate dress code expectations will be required for all students, at all times, for all informal dances.
- 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.)
- Young ladies and gentlemen are advised to use good judgment when purchasing attire, as the overall idea is to keep in mind the image the student presents. Students must remember that they are attending a school function where dress code expectations are both appropriate and required; students must be appropriately dressed, and must present as responsible young adults.
- See the proper **dress code attire PowerPoint** on Clay High School's web site: **www.oregoncityschools.org**. Go to Clay High School.

Clay High School's expectation is for students (and guests) to attend dances drug-, tobacco-, and alcohol-free, and to remain as such. **When there is reasonable suspicion of alcohol consumption, attendees may be required to submit to an on-site breathalyzer test.**

Dances are for Clay High School students. Friends or guests from other schools are not permitted, with the exception of those who submit an approved guest form prior to the function, or those who submit an approved guest form prior to admittance to the function.

- No student who is out of high school will be admitted to Clay High School dances or functions, with the exception of prom as listed below.
- **No middle school 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 ONLY*, but must present an ID or birth certificate to the principal or the assistant principal prior to the dance. ***All 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.

- These rules include appropriate dress code. (Inappropriate dress code includes, but is not limited to, the wearing of hats or bandanas, coats, revealing clothing, sunglasses upon arrival, etc.)
- Expectations also include appropriate dancing. (Inappropriate dancing includes, but is not limited to, "moshing," "body-surfing," "slam-dancing," and any style of dancing that suggests sexual innuendo, including, but not exclusive of, crotch-to-crotch, butt-to crotch, and freak dancing.)
- Sexually-suggestive dancing will result in the student's removal from the event, and may hinder or prevent his or her participation in future school dances and 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. For all school-sponsored dances, all students must remain at the dance until a minimum of one hour before the dance ends. Exceptions to this rule for any reason must be cleared with administrators and may require parental notification.

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.