

DANCE GUIDELINES*

Orange Lutheran High School strives to provide a positive social atmosphere at scheduled dances that are held throughout the year. To promote an appropriate environment for students, the school has developed dance behavior expectations, dress standards, and conduct guidelines. In order to purchase dance tickets, students and parents must agree to abide by the behavior expectations, dance dress standards and dance conduct guidelines listed below.

Dance Behavior Expectations

Students are expected to follow all expectations, policies, and procedures outlined in the Parent-Student Handbook of Orange Lutheran High School.

- All students and parents must read and agree to the guidelines outlined in the Dance Agreement in order to attend a school dance. The consent form must be completed online.
- No students will be admitted more than 60 minutes after the start of the dance unless prior arrangements have been made with the Director of Student Activities. Students may not leave the dance any time before 30 minutes prior to the end of the dance without prior consent arranged by the parents with the Director of Student Activities.
- All Orange Lutheran High School students must present their student identification upon entrance to the dance.
- All students will be observed for use of illegal or controlled substances prior to entry to the dance area. Security may conduct pat downs and purse searches. Any student who refuses to comply will be denied entry and parents will be contacted.
- Any vehicle, including limousines, can be searched at any time. Student drivers and passengers will be held responsible and will be given consequences for any illegal substance in the vehicle (Refer to "Zero Tolerance Policy").
- The breathalyzer will be administered to students randomly at each dance. In addition any student suspected of being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will be subject to an evaluation, which may include use of the breathalyzer (Refer to "Breathalyzer Policy").
- Any student exhibiting disruptive behavior, suspected influence of illegal or controlled substances, positive breathalyzer test or failure to adhere to dance guidelines will be removed from the dance and parents will be called to retrieve him/her. No refunds will be given.
- Student guests may be permitted to specified dances provided they attend high school (or receive special permission from the Director of Student Activities), and they read and submit a signed Guest Dance Agreement no later than one week in advance of the dance.

Dance Dress Standards*

The dance dress standards promote MODESTY, MESSAGE, SAFETY, and DISTRACTION. Students who wear overly revealing or indecent clothing will not be permitted into the dance. Students' dress will be monitored upon entrance of the dance and throughout. If at any time a student is in violation of dance dress standards, the student's wristband will be removed, and the student will be required to make necessary adjustments so that he/she is in compliance with the dress code. Repeated dance dress code violations will result in loss of privilege to attend the next dance.

For the "Hello Dance," "Sadies," and the "Goodbye Dance," the school dress code will be enforced. Costumes are permitted at these dances, however, school dress standards apply (See "School Dress Standards").

While the school dress standards apply to all school events, the following guidelines address standards specific to semi-formal and formal dances:

- **Neckline:** Necklines on dresses may not at any point plunge below the bust line; no excessive cleavage.
- **Backless Dresses:** No backless dresses that plunge below the height of the bellybutton on the back; no abdomen or torso may be exposed.
- **Slits:** Slits may not extend above the length of fingertips at side; no continuous slits.
- **Sheer Fabric:** Any part of the dress comprised of sheer fabric constitutes the exposure of skin and can be used to enforce a dress standard violation.
- **Length:** The length of dresses and skirts must fall at the top of the knee at minimum (no more than four inches above the top of the knee cap). Short mini-dresses are not permitted.
- **Undergarments:** No undergarments may be exposed at any time.
- **Removal of Clothing:** If at any point during the evening a student removes clothing that would put him or her in violation of the dance dress standards, the student will be asked once to put the clothing back to be in compliance and his/her wristband will be removed. Should the student be asked again, he/she will be required to leave the dance.

Removal of clothing includes but is not limited to men wearing only their undershirts or vest/tie, ladies shortening their dresses or shorts, and ladies allowing the top of their dresses to reveal excessive cleavage.

Dance Conduct Guidelines

These guidelines apply on and off the dance floor. **Sexually suggestive dancing will result in the consequences listed below.** To be explicitly clear, students are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

- No grinding
- No bending over
- No straddling legs. Both feet must remain on the floor

- No touching of breasts, buttocks, genitals or pressing up against one another in a manner, which is inappropriate
- No “making out” (overt and/or prolonged public displays of affection – Refer to “Public Display of Affection”).
- Hands on waists or shoulders only

The above-mentioned behaviors and acts will not be tolerated and individuals or couples engaging in such acts or movements will be removed from the dance and parents/guardians will be contacted. School officials reserve the right to make decisions on suitable dance movements. School administration reserves the right to make decisions on student dress based on appropriateness and good taste.

Dance Consequences

Students will be issued a wristband upon entrance to the dance, and they are expected to wear their wristband throughout the entire time of the dance. If at any time a student violates any of the Dance Behavior Expectations, Dress Standards, or Conduct Guidelines, the wristband will be removed and their name will be documented and noted in their discipline record.

Repeated occurrence of this warning at various dances throughout the year may result in additional disciplinary action. Further violations that evening will result in immediate removal from the dance, parents will be notified, and the student will be subject to the consequences described in the discipline plan as outlined in the Parent-Student Handbook. *Please note that administration reserves the right to remove a student from the dance without first removing the wristband as a preliminary warning if the offense warrants it.* NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR REMOVAL FROM THE DANCE.