

ELK RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL

Dance Guidelines & Expectations

Effective January 19, 2010; Revised May 11, 2013

Elk Rapids is a first class, world class high school and participating in school dances is a privilege and not a right. Please help us to remain first class and preserve fun and important privileges.

1. **All students CAN be checked and removed** for illegal, unauthorized, or controlled substances prior to or during the dance.
 - Students suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be subject to evaluation (field sobriety and/or breathalyzer tests).
 - Students who fail these tests will be removed from the dance immediately and detained until parents and authorities arrive.
2. **Any vehicle in the parking lot and attendee drop-off area CAN be searched** at any time given reasonable suspicion. Dance attendees will be held responsible for any unauthorized object or illegal substance found in the vehicle.
3. **Students removed from a dance may not be given refunds and will NOT be permitted to attend the next school dance.**
4. **Dancing Guidelines:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hands on waists and shoulders only.• No standing on speakers or tables.• No riding on shoulders.• No front to back rubbing/grinding.• No straddling legs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No touching of breasts, buttocks, or genitals.• No groin to groin contact.• No groin to buttocks contact.• No “making out” (overt or prolonged public displays of affection.) |
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Any inappropriate dancing or misbehavior by individuals may result in the following:

- A. **First violation** - a verbal warning will be issued and the student's wrist band will be marked to signify the warning.
- B. **Second violation** – the student's wrist band will be removed and the student(s) will be ejected from the dance.
- C. **Other:** Inappropriate actions and behavior on a large (group) scale may result in turning the lights on, changing the music, and/or immediately stopping the dance and cancelling future dances.

5. **Recommended Dress:** Homecoming and Snowcoming are considered semi-formal where student dress may range from jeans and t-shirts to dresses, ties and sport coats. Dressing a “step-up” is always good practice for semi-formal dances. Prom is considered a “formal” dance and dress is usually very special. Student dress at prom ranges from classical evening gowns and tuxedos to sport coats, ties, and party dresses. Prom is an occasion where you should wear your “Sunday Best” or better. However, we want everyone to attend so if financial considerations make formally dressing up a challenge, please contact Mr. Travis confidentially at mtravis@erschools.com to discuss some assistance. Student dress that doesn't meet the bounds of good taste and school dress codes may subject a student to removal from the dance. If you are unsure of what may constitute proper dress, in advance, please consult Mr. Travis, Mr. Standerfer and the Student Handbook available on the web at: <http://www.erschools.com/HighSchool/Studenthandbook/>.