



PRESENTATION HIGH SCHOOL

Diocesan Dance Policy

The values and regulations stated below are in effect at all Catholic high schools in the Diocese of San Jose. These expectations were developed collaboratively by the Deans and Activities Directors at all 5 high schools in the Diocese (Archbishop Mitty, Bellarmine, Notre Dame San Jose, Presentation and Saint Francis). The Principals of the six schools endorsed these policies. These policies will be implemented, published, and enforced at all six schools.

These common policies emerge from our shared mission in promoting the Catholic Christian values that recognize the dignity and self-worth of all people. Within this setting, dances are viewed as an opportunity for students to socialize in a supervised and safe environment.

Student behavior and manner of dress should reflect this guiding principle.

Dance Regulations

- Guests are not admitted without a high school ID or guest pass. Guests must be in at least 9th grade with valid high school student ID and no older than 20, as verified by a government-issued ID, on the date of the event.
- All students in attendance must provide student ID upon request from school personnel. In the event of any violation of these regulations or any other behavior deemed inappropriate, the dean of the guest's school will be notified of the incident.
- Large jackets, purses, and backpacks may be inspected by school personnel before admittance to the dance. Students are encouraged to leave purses and backpacks at home as the school cannot monitor them during the dance. Students bring valuables at their own risk and the school bears no responsibility for any valuables which may be stolen, altered or otherwise compromised.
- For the duration of the dance, students will be expected to be in compliance with the standards of dress stated below.
- All dance styles must be consistent with the faith, mission, and teachings of the Catholic Church which includes modesty and safety. School personnel will be the final judge of the appropriateness of dance style. School personnel will confront any student behavior or dancing deemed inappropriate. Inappropriate dancing includes, but is not limited to, the following: slam dancing, break-dancing, moshing, "freaking," sandwich dancing, dancing that simulates sexual activity, suggestive or otherwise inappropriate or dangerous dancing.
- The use of tobacco, alcohol, or any other illegal drug is not permitted.

Students violating any of these rules may have their parents phoned and may be asked to leave the dance. Students who are in violation of school policies will also be subject to school disciplinary procedures up to and including dismissal. Law enforcement may also be contacted on a case-by-case basis