

Pacific Grove High School Dance Contract 2009-2010

In order to promote a healthy, safe, enjoyable evening for all students, to encourage venues to continue renting their facilities to our school and to have faculty chaperone, the following procedures will be in place for all dances. All parents and students must read, understand, and sign the back of this agreement before student pays for and/or attends function. Pacific Grove High School encourages families to discuss these rules together with their students and to copy this document for future reference before it is turned in to the student store.

This is a dance contract for current PGHS students. Dance guest forms must be turned in by the Wednesday before the event and it is expected that your guest is informed of the following rules (including dress code) and adheres to them as your guest for the evening:

- 1) Guests must be under 21 and middle school students may not attend. One guest per PGHS student. Guests must arrive with their PGHS host student. Change of guests must be done by Thursday before dance. Guests who violate the dance contract will not be permitted to any future dances during the current or future academic years and placed on a do not invite list.
- 2) All students and guests will be checked for illegal or controlled substances prior to entry to the dance area along with a mandatory breathalyzer test. Security and/or chaperones will conduct bag/purse searches. No beverages of any kind are allowed. Any student who refuses to comply will be denied entry without refund. Students suspected of being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol after entering will be subject to evaluation including the breathalyzer by PGHS staff and/or local law enforcement. All students and guests must enter and exit through one doorway for staff to acknowledge time left for parent verification. Any violations will violate contract and result in missing the next or all dances.
- 3) **Dancing Guidelines (applies on and off the dance floor)**

Lewd dancing such as “freaking” will result in student and/or couple being asked to leave the dance floor for a 10 minute break and after the second infraction being asked to leave the event and he/she will be ineligible to attend the next dance including the next academic year (e.g. Homecoming 2010 if the infraction occurs at prom – for both student and his/her guest). Parents/Guardians will be notified by phone number(s) provided.

 - Every dancer must be in a vertical (standing) position – “The Vertical Rule”
 - Face to face preferred but not mandatory. Front to back acceptable with no bending or leaning over or grinding
 - No grinding – Grabbing neck/shoulder/waist and/or hip and pulling in front to back style of dancing. Boys looking down at midsection, grabbing hips and thrusting back and forth/gyrating
 - No inappropriate touching
 - No “making out” (no overt and/or prolonged public displays of affection)
 - Both feet on the floor while in front to back or face to face style of dancing
 - Hands on waists or shoulders only
 - If too many couples are dancing inappropriately, the lights will be turned on and/or music changed as a collective warning for everyone. A verbal warning will be made on the microphone.
- 4) **Dress Code for Formal (Winter Ball and Prom) and Semi-Formal (Homecoming) Dances:**

Ladies:

 - Strapless/spaghetti straps are allowed
 - Dress/skirts must be at least two inches below finger tips – Cocktail dresses not allowed
 - Slits no higher than mid-thigh length
 - Backless to waist is permitted – below waist is not permitted
 - No garters or other exposed lingerie/undergarments
 - No sheer/see-through dresses and no see-through sides or bare sides
 - No excessively low cut dresses or tops
 - No bare midriffs
 - No caps, beanies, bandanas, chains, or canes (semi & formal) Anyone holding/wearing such items will be given a 10 minute dance break

Gentlemen: Dress Code Continued

- Collared shirt (semi & formal) and tie (formal)
- Shirts must have sleeves (semi & formal)
- Shirts must remain on (all dances)
- Dress pants or slacks, no jeans (semi & formal)
- Dress shoes required – no sneakers
- No caps, beanies, bandanas, chains, or canes (semi & formal)
Anyone holding/wearing such items will be given a 10 minute dance break and items will be taken to the check in table for pick up

The dress code will remain the same for non-formal dances (if allowed) excluding the formal attire requirement.

If you are unsure if your attire meets these dress standards, please check with Activities Director or Assistant Principal prior to the day of the event. Students not meeting these standards will not be allowed into event until they comply. If they refuse, parents/guardians will be notified.

Once students are admitted into the dance, if they alter their attire in such a way as to make it violate the specified dress code standards, they will be removed from the dance without refund, parents/guardians notified, and they will not be permitted to attend the next dance.

- 5) Students who violate the terms of this contract are subject to suspension from school and loss of privileges to participate in any co-curricular and extracurricular activities including athletics, senior activities, and possibly commencement exercises. The PGHS student and his/her parent are responsible for the guest's behavior. If there is a problem with a guest, the Pacific Grove student will lose the privilege to bring a guest to any future Pacific Grove dance.
- 6) All students and guests must leave dance location within 20 minutes of end of function. No loitering in parking lots. Parents/guardians please pick up your student within this time limit. Unless previously advertised, all dances begin at 8 p.m. and end at 11 p.m. (homecoming and non-formal dances, if allowed) or 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. (Winter Ball and Prom)
- 7) Refunds will only occur when a student submits a reimbursement form to the student store with attached reason for ASB student counsel approval. Forms available at www.pghs.org click ASB link, click ASB forms

I understand that dances are school-related events, and all school rules apply. I agree to abide by the dance behavior rules set forth in this contract including the dress code and dance rules.

I AGREE TO REMAIN TOBACCO, DRUG, AND ALCOHOL FREE FOR THIS EVENT. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MY FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN MY INELIGIBILITY FOR ALL COCURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INCLUDING ATHLETICS, SENIOR ACTIVITIES, AND POSSIBLY COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, AS WELL AS SUSPENSION AND POSSIBLE EXPULSION.

I understand the consequences for any inappropriate behavior. I have read the rules and agree to abide by them.

As a parent/guardian, I understand that if my child is removed from the dance for any reason, it is my responsibility to pick up my child from the dance. In addition, I agree to the school rules and the rules set forth in this Dance Contract and support the school dance policies.

PGHS Student

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date