



Notre Dame Academy
Dance Guidelines

These guidelines emerge from Notre Dame Academy's mission to promote Catholic Christian values that recognize the dignity of all people. Student behavior and attire at dances should reflect that mission. At NDA, dances are an opportunity for students to socialize in a supervised and safe environment and foster community.

General Regulations:

- All students are required to show identification for entrance.
- Students must enter by a specified time and may not re-enter after leaving a dance.
- Whether on-campus or off-campus, all school policies are in effect at dances.

Chaperones:

NDA faculty, staff, administrators and parents will serve as chaperones for dances. At least 10 chaperones will be on duty at all times. Chaperones will closely monitor entrances and exits as well as restrooms and common areas.

A breathalyzer will be available for use by trained school personnel if a student is suspected of being intoxicated.

Guests:

Non-NDA students are permitted to attend some school dances. All non-NDA students must complete a guest pass which includes a signature from the parent of the NDA student as well as the parent of the guest. Forged signatures on a guest pass will result in forfeiture of attendance at current and/or future dances, no refund, and possible disciplinary action. All guests must show identification for entrance.

Parents are welcome to visit all dances. Parents are asked to enter through the designated entrance and, for safety reasons, will also need to show identification for entrance.

Attire:

Student clothing should be consistent with the mission and core values of Notre Dame Academy. Students are expected to observe standards of modesty and good taste. Low-cut blouses/dresses are not permitted. Dresses/skirts may not be shorter than 4 inches above the knee. Any interpretation and judgment in these matters lies with the school personnel supervising the dance.

Music:

All music should be consistent with the values and teachings of Notre Dame. Music must not contain lyrics, themes or innuendo that are violent, lewd, profane or otherwise offensive. Edited versions of offensive songs may not be acceptable if the underlying message is still present in the song. Music should encourage appropriate interaction among students. Music should reflect a variety of styles and genres. DJs will be provided these guidelines as well as instructions about appropriate music.

Dance Styles:

All dance styles must comply with standards of modesty and safety. Dancing that is unsafe, overly amorous or sexually suggestive is prohibited. Chaperones in attendance will be the final judges of the appropriateness of dance styles. Students must comply with the instructions of chaperones. Failure to do so will result in students being asked to leave and may result in additional disciplinary action.

During the fall of 2008, the Notre Dame Academy Administration, Student Government moderators and the Student Senate have used a collaborative process to clarify dance styles and developed the following additional guidelines that have been approved by the Curriculum and Student Life Committee of the Board of Education:

- a. Sexually suggestive dancing will not be tolerated (known commonly as Grinding). However, it should be noted, that any dancing moves or behavior deemed improper and/or indecent will not be permitted.
- b. A student will receive one warning for inappropriate dancing. If the behavior persists, the student will be asked to leave the dance. Students who dance inappropriately or break any of the school rules will be removed from the dance by one of the administrators, and the parents will be called and told the student has been asked to leave.

The dance will be stopped and ended early if students continue to dance or behave inappropriately.