

The Branson School Dance Policy

In order to ensure student safety and mutual respect between students and their chaperones at Branson dances, Branson students must sign a dance pledge before each dance. Students uphold the Honor Code and ACODA Policy by their pledge, their respectful presence, and by their respect for all members of the community at the dance. Students' manner of dancing, their dress, and their behavior will be appropriate to a school event.

GENERAL DANCE RULES

1. All school rules are in effect during school dances.

2. Entrance and Departure

- a. Students may use only designated doors for entry and exit.
- b. If students leave the specified dance area, they may not return to the dance.
- c. All students must arrive within thirty minutes of the doors opening. Students arriving after that time will not be permitted to enter the dance; no excuses will be permitted. (May 15 dance: Cafeteria doors open 8:30, close at 9. The dance ends at 11.)
- d. On-campus dance: If students want to leave early, their early departure has to be confirmed by their parent with a dean, and the students must sign out.

3. Pledges Students must use their current pledges as their tickets.

4. Guest Policy

Each guest must be accompanied by a Branson student. Each Branson student should introduce his/her guest to the chaperone. Each student may bring only one guest and is responsible for the behavior of his/her guest. Each student should sign up his/her guest in advance of the dance by using the guest dance form available on the bulletin board outside the deans' offices. Students must return guest form **one school day before the dance**. For the May 15 dance, the guest charge is \$5, payable at the dance.

5. Dress Students are asked to use good judgment and to wear appropriate dress with no short skirts or dresses that reveal excessive cleavage or the midriff. The ultimate decision of appropriate dress will be by the chaperones.

6. Accessories No bags, backpacks, or chewing gum will be permitted in the event. Students must leave such items in their cars and should carry only small bags or purses that will be checked-in at the entry table.

RULES FOR DANCING

1. All dancing must be consensual.
2. Dancing must not simulate sexual activities (including but not limited to thrusting, straddling, and fondling).
3. All hands must remain outside clothing while dancing.
4. No dancing with inanimate objects (including but not limited to tables, chairs, walls and decorations).
5. If the style of dance requires extreme flexibility, makes the chaperones feel uncomfortable, or will cause a story the next day, then students must refrain from such dancing.
6. Consequences for inappropriate dancing
 - 1st Warning – Stop the offensive behavior; you may continue to dance.
 - 2nd Warning – Stop dancing; talk with dean; dean will call parent to arrange for student to go home.

Request for a High School Guest to Attend a Branson Dance

Information:

Branson Student Name _____

Branson Student Phone # _____ Cell # _____

School Dance Title _____ Date _____

**Note: Only one guest is allowed per Branson student.
The Branson student must return this form to a class dean one school day before the dance.**

GUEST:

Guest Name _____

Guest Signature _____

By signing above, the guest agrees to abide by Branson school dance rules. (See reverse side.)

Emergency Contact _____
and Contact Number for the night of the dance _____

Guest's Home Address _____

Guest's School _____ School Phone # _____

To the Guest's School Administrator:

Please sign this form and attach your business card to it. The signature has two purposes:

1. To testify that your student will follow Branson rules and is in good standing at his/her school.
2. To acknowledge that if this student violates any Branson rules while at a Branson dance, you will enforce the appropriate consequences upon notification of the student's wrongdoing.

_____ Date _____
Guest's School Administrator's Signature and Business Card

Guest's Parent's Signature

Attach business card here

DANCE PLEDGE

Each student, parent, and a faculty member of their choice (who agrees to sponsor him or her) is to sign this pledge together.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____.

I, _____, promise that I will behave according to the Branson School Dance Policy in dancing appropriately and refraining from consuming drugs or alcohol at or before dances out of respect for my teachers, my classmates, the Branson School and my own personal safety. I realize that, should I violate these rules, I will face disciplinary action at the discretion of the headmaster and that my action may jeopardize future dances at The Branson School.

I, _____ (faculty member), believe that _____ will act appropriately and according to the school rules.

I, _____ (parent), believe that _____ will act appropriately and according to the school rules.

Student Signature: _____.

Teacher Signature: _____.

Parent Signature: _____.

Date: _____