

## F-11: Dance guidelines-Lauretta Eldridge

### Guidelines for Stockdale High Dances

High school dances are important social events for students and provide a structured forum for rhythmic expression and creativity. However, the school must maintain a reasonable standard of appropriate behavior and dance movements. Students must recognize that movements and dance styles present in non-school settings or as portrayed in the entertainment industry are not always appropriate in the high school setting. Therefore, the following guidelines will be used to determine appropriate behavior and dance movements:

1. All school rules are in effect at all school dances (dress code, discipline code, etc.) Theme dances (pajama, sock hop, etc) dress policy will be reviewed with students' prior to dance and must be followed. Any student deemed to be dressed inappropriately will not be admitted to the dance. No re-admission once a student or guest leaves the dance. Students and guests may not remain on campus without being in the designated dance area.

**Stockdale High Dances** are for Stockdale student's only and approved guests: Only those students currently attending High School or a graduate of Stockdale, not over 20 years of age will be permitted as guests to the Homecoming Dance. Approval comes through the Dean's office prior to the purchase of a ticket. Pre-approval forms must be approved by the Dean's office at least 2 days prior to event.

2. **Formal and Prom Attendance Regulations:**
  - No guests over the age of 20. Non high-school students will be checked by Stockdale security through local police and their former high school.
  - Stockdale students enrolled in Alternative Programs/Schools (Independent Study, Workforce, Opportunity, Continuation, Community, etc.) for reasons other than retention/discipline may be admitted in certain instances. This will be determined by the Dean on a case-by-case basis.
  - After reservation deadline has passed, there will be no refund on bids.
3. The following dance movements or styles are inappropriate for the high school Setting and are therefore not permitted:
  - Lewd or (sexually) suggestive dancing (freaking, dirty dancing, etc.)
  - Movements that advocate violence (moshing, slamming, etc.)
  - Movements that threaten student safety
4. The school administration and staff chaperones will use their best judgement to identify dance moves or styles that are contrary to #3 above or that violate these guidelines. Chaperones may be equipped with flashlights.
5. Students will be warned one time about inappropriate dance movements. A second violation will result in dismissal from the dance. **Judgement of staff chaperones and administration in determining appropriateness of dance moves is final and removing student and guests from dance.**
6. If a student is removed from a dance due to a violation of these rules, there will be no refunds. **A student by their choice of attending a dance accepts and agrees to follow these dance guidelines.**
7. **The Purchaser of the bid is responsible for informing guest of the non-Stockdale student of the Dance Policy.**