

**ST. JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE POLICY
School Board Approved, 2/11/2004**

Purpose

This policy emerges from our shared mission in promoting the Catholic Christian values that recognize the dignity and self-worth of all people. Within this setting, dances and other school functions are viewed as an opportunity for students to socialize in a supervised and safe environment. Students' behavior and attire should reflect this guiding principle.

Supportive Data

Archdiocese of Baltimore Division of Catholic Schools School Policy Manual, Adm. 12.0: The School establishes appropriate dress standards for students and staff.

Procedures

1. At least one school administrator MUST be present at all dances.
2. At least three 6-8 grade teachers must attend the dance as chaperones. Teachers who act as chaperones will be at the dance for its entirety.
3. Dances are open to SJRCS students ONLY. No guests, former students, or older siblings are allowed to attend.
4. Students who attend the dance must return a signed parental permission slip.
5. Students will not be allowed to leave the dance unless a parent comes in to sign them out from the dance.
6. Students will not be allowed to leave the dance with another parent unless that is indicated on the permission slip.
7. Administrators or teacher chaperones reserve the right to confiscate and hold onto any camera cell phones for the duration of the dance should it be deemed that the phone was being used in an inappropriate manner.
8. Any D.J. who is hired for a school dance will be provided with a list of songs/artists that are not allowed to be played.

Dress Code

1. Pants must be worn at the waist. No sagging allowed.
2. Shirts, blouses, and dresses must completely cover the abdomen, back, shoulders, and must have sleeves. Shirts or tops must cover the waistband of pants, shorts, or skirts with no midriff visible.
3. Clothing and accessories (such as patches, jewelry, etc.) must not display (1) racial or ethnic slurs/symbols, (2) vulgar, subversive, or sexually suggestive language or images; nor should they promote products which students may not legally buy; such as alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.
4. Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be beyond fingertip length, when arms are held at sides.
5. Any violation of the dress code will result in the student not being permitted to enter or remain at the dance.

Student Conduct

1. All dancing should allow for appropriate distances between partners and be conducted respectably with no inappropriate touching.
2. Failure to comply with behavioral conduct may result in the following:

1st Offense – Request to Stop

2nd Offense – Warning Given

3rd Offense – Student removed from dance; parent called and student to await pickup with chaperone.