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School Policy – School Dances

Background:

Bayside Middle School recognizes the importance of social events in the overall development of our students mental and social well-being. To that end, we are pleased to be able to host dances through out the year to encourage this in our students. Dances are intended to be fun for all who attend and this policy is designed to help ensure that dances are a positive experience for all in attendance.

Policy Statement:

Dances at BMS are intended as social events for BMS students, and as such, are not open to guests who are non-Bayside students.

Students must arrive at the dance; within 15 minutes of the start time (unless given special permission). They must enter the dance and stay inside until the dance is over or until their parent/guardian comes to pick them up. If a student leaves early, the parent must come to the door and get them since we will not have supervision in the parking lot for students who might want to wait for their ride prior to the end of the dance.

Bayside dances are from **6:30 – 8:30 pm** and the cost is **\$5.00 (special video dances may be more)** although walking to the dance is permitted, we encourage parents to drop their children off rather than allow them to walk. Some students in the past have been known to take detours between home and the dance, and not all of these detours are safe.

Students should have rides planned prior to the dance and should plan to leave at **8:30pm**. Students who are not picked up within **15 minutes** of the conclusion of the event may not be allowed at the next dance.

Students are encouraged to dance (in socially appropriate ways), chat with friends, enjoy the music and enjoy snacks from the canteen. Students should not run, rough house or dance inappropriately.

Invitation to attend school dances is extended to Bayside students who are in good standing. **Students who have been assigned either in-school or out-of-school suspension within ten school days of the dance date cannot attend.** Students are also expected to attend school regularly and **must be in class the day of the dance.**

Specific Actions:

School administration will compile a list of students who are ineligible to attend a dance and will speak with those students the day of the dance to ensure they are aware that they are not permitted to attend.

Parents/guardians are asked to ensure that they drop students off between 6:30 and 6:45, and to pick them up no later than 8:45.

Students are expected to adhere to the Bayside dress code and electronic devices policies while attending the dance, as well as to demonstrate good overall behavior.