

Recommended Guidelines for Conduct at Dances Sponsored by the Allegany County Public Schools

Organization:

1. It is recommended that a school resource officer and faculty members have a presence at school dances.
2. The music entertainment must be pre-approved by dance advisors and school administrators.
3. Include "Supervision" and "Consequences" sections below in school newsletters, agendas at class meetings, and at dance sign up.

Supervision:

1. Students may not dance in a manner indicative of sexual activity, to the discretion of dance chaperones.
2. Students may not engage in "grinding." Grinding is defined by the practice of front to back dancing, while touching inappropriately in combination with bending over.
3. Students may not dance in a manner that obstructs the view of chaperones. An obstructive view is defined as a purposeful gathering of students with intent to obstruct the view of a chaperone.

Consequences:

Individuals who engage in explicit sexual behavior, grinding or obstruction of view, can expect:

1. a verbal warning for the first offense
2. a removal from the dance and parent notification for the second offense

Large groups engaged in explicit sexual behavior, grinding, and/or obstruction of view activities, can expect:

1. a warning by turning lights on and stopping the music
2. a removal from the dance and parent notification for the second offense