

# Anacortes High School Dance Policy/Contract

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The following AHS Dance Policy's purpose is to set forth standards of behavior and expectations for each school dance activity in order to provide a respectful, safe and enjoyable environment for participating students, chaperones and staff. All attendees must have a signed dance policy/contract on file.

## Dance Behavior & Expectations

The following definition shall be adhered to: **No dancing in a lewd and/or inappropriate manner** examples of which are, but not limited to the following:

- Bending, leaning over, thrusting, inappropriate touching between students, simulating sex acts, and any other behavior deemed disruptive by dance supervisors.
- Touching of breast(s), buttocks, genitals, and/or other unwanted or unwarranted contact that may cause an individual or others to feel uncomfortable.
- Dancing so tightly together as a group that a dance supervisor cannot pass freely through students.
- Moshing, crowd surfing, and/or violent displays of dancing.
- Slamming, pushing, or shoving.
- Inappropriate displays of affection.
- Sexually suggestive dancing.

## Alcohol/Drugs

- I understand that the current Anacortes School Alcohol & Drug Policy/Code will apply to all dance activities.

## Dress Code

### *Formal and Informal*

- Students are expected to wear semi-formal to formal attire at formal dances.
- Strapless and spaghetti straps are permitted at dances.
- Dresses may not be shorter than fingertip length (front and back) including slits in dresses, unless \*opaque tights or leggings are worn underneath. \**Opaque means non-see-through. Lace and fishnet leggings/tights are not opaque.*
- Dress may not be extremely low-cut – front may not fall below the bra line and must fully cover breast area, and back may not fall below the waist.
- Dresses may not be extremely tight/form fitting.
- No midriff showing or revealing cutouts.
- No see-through gowns (this includes sheer/mesh overlays lacking clothing underneath).
- No shorts or torn clothing.
- Clothes are required at all times (no shirt removal).
- No low-hanging shorts/pants (undergarments should not be visible).
- No spandex unless covered by shorts and may not be shorter than fingertip length.

***Please Note: If you have a question about particular dance apparel, you must bring it to the appropriate school administrator for approval prior to that particular dance activity.***

## Student/Participant Responsibility & Accountability

- Every student/participant is expected to say NO to any inappropriate behavior.
- Each participant is expected to individually take appropriate action and to support others whom they may witness as victims of inappropriate behavior. This includes asking for assistance from dance chaperone/supervisors or law enforcement if needed.
- Guests must be at least a 9th grader and under 21 years of age.
- Guests are allowed to accompany AHS students provided they have signed a dance policy agreement AND ARE CLEARED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. Guest pass form and signed policy must be completed and returned by published due date.

Warnings & Consequences

**Dress Code:**

- If a Dance Chaperone/Supervisor determines that upon arrival a student’s dress/apparel does not meet the Dress Code, the student will be asked to change or go home. If a Dance Chaperone/Supervisor determines that a student has altered his/her attire at any time during the dance, and it no longer meets the code, the student will be asked to leave the dance. There will be no refunds if a student is asked to leave.

**Dance Behavior:**

- A Dance Chaperone/Supervisor will issue one warning to the dance participant(s) – removing bracelet(s) from wrist(s).
- A second warning will result in requiring the participant to go home, **AND** suspension from the **next** dance. There will be no refunds for those participants asked to leave.

All student/participants will be expected to abide by all warnings from attending Dance Chaperones/Supervisors. Any participant, who chooses not to cooperate, will be escorted out of the dance by law enforcement. Parents will be notified if a student is asked to leave the dance.

**Entering the Dance**

- The doors to the dance will close 1 hour after the start of the dance. The school administrator on site will determine if any exceptions will be made during the dance.

**Exiting the Dance**

- Upon leaving the dance no students or guest will be allowed back into the dance. Students must leave premises after leaving dance. A designated area will be provided to the dance participants for fresh air.

**Food and Drinks**

- NO outside food or drink will be allowed into the dance.

All student/participants will be expected to abide by all warnings from attending Dance Chaperones/Supervisors. Any participant, who chooses not to cooperate, will be escorted out of the dance. Parents will be notified if a student is asked to leave the dance.

I/we realize it is considered a privilege to participate in Anacortes High School Dance/Activity programs. I hereby agree to obey the aforementioned rules and regulations set up by the Anacortes School District.

We, student and parents, acknowledge that we have received a copy of the Anacortes High School Dance Policy and agree to abide by the rules and regulations as specified in that Policy. We further understand the consequences as they apply to non-adherence to the Policy.

\*Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ \*Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(student)

\*Date \_\_\_\_\_ \*Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\*Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent/guardian)

\*Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*\*required field*