

# *Catholic Diocese of Evansville*

## **Elementary Dance Directives for the West Side 2018-2019**

School dances for 7th & 8th grade students can provide opportunities for students to learn important social skills. However, it is critically important that student behavior is always exemplary of Christian values, and that activities are age appropriate. The following directives have been established to encourage proper supervision and consistency in enforcement of behavior regulations.

1. Entrance to the dance will be by *official diocesan picture identification cards only* (dated with the current school year). **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.** There will be a \$5 replacement fee for any lost student identification card.
2. Admission to all dances will be \$5 per student. Time of dances: 7:00–9:00 p.m. Drinks and snacks may be sold by the host school.
3. Dress for dances should be modest, neat, clean, safe, and reflective of Christian values. The principal of the host school has the authority to determine acceptable dress, but the following guidelines have been established:
  - a. No shorts, skirts or leggings may be worn; jeans, khakis and capris pants only.
  - b. No over-size baggy or cargo pants are permitted.
  - c. Shirts must have standard short sleeves or longer (sleeveless, tank tops, bare midriffs, bare backs, and halter-tops are prohibited). Shirts may not advertise or promote beer, alcohol, tobacco products, or violence; nor reflect an offensive or degrading image.
  - d. Underwear must not be showing or be worn as outerwear.
  - e. Shoes must be worn and should be safe for dancing. No flip-flops permitted.
  - f. All clothing must follow school alternate dress guidelines.
4. Chaperones must include the principal or principal designee and staff. Parents may also be used as chaperones. A suggested ratio is one chaperone 1 per 20 students.
5. School staff and chaperones will establish rules for individual schools as necessary. The following minimal rules will be included:
  - a. No public display of affection or inappropriate dancing such as “grinding” or “twerking”.
  - b. Coats, hats, and gloves are NOT to be worn during the dance.
  - c. Bags (gym bags, backpacks, overnight bags, purses, etc.) are to be checked at the door and claimed at the end of the evening.
  - d. No glow items of any sort (bracelets, necklaces, mouth sticks) allowed.

**6. ALL STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE PROPER DIOCESAN IDENTIFICATION CARD OR NOT DRESSED IN APPROPRIATE ATTIRE WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE DANCE.** Parents will be called to pick up a student who violates these directives. Parents must be sure that they have provided their son or daughter with a phone number where they can be reached during the dance. It is recommended that you make sure your student is admitted when you drop them off before you leave.

7. All students, parents, and staff members must realize that dance privileges may be suspended at any time for individuals or schools that fail to cooperate with these set directives.

8. Dances are only open to those students enrolled in Grades 7 and 8 in the Catholic Diocesan schools. Host schools may invite their own parish religious education students, photo I.D.'s will be required. Eastside dances will only include eastside students and west side dances will only include west side students, as the numbers of students in attendance cannot exceed fire code regulations.

9. Each school will be allowed one invitational dance per school year. Invitational means the dances are open to the other Catholic elementary school students on the east or west side of town. There will be a central calendar kept in the Catholic Schools Office. No dances are to be held during Lent.

<b>Dance Date</b>	<b>School</b>
August 17	Resurrection
September 29	Corpus Christi
October 26	St. Joe
November 3	St. Wendel
December 14	St. Philips
January 11	WCS
February 1	St. James
March	<i>Lent</i>
April 5	Holy Redeemer

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- I/We have read the Elementary Dance Directives from the Catholic Diocese of Evansville for the West Side 7th and 8th Grade Students.
- I/We understand the 7th and 8th Grade dances are opportunities for students to learn important social skills and that student behavior must always be exemplary of Christian values.
- I/We understand the guidelines for proper dress attire and will follow the rules established for dances.
- I/We understand the entrance to the dance will be by *official diocesan picture identification cards only* (dated with the current school year).  
**THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**
- I/We realize that dance privileges may be suspended at any time for individuals or schools that fail to cooperate with these set directives.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_