



City of Pacifica
Parks, Beaches and Recreation Department



J-Teen Dance Policy – Grades 6-8

Middle school dances are a privilege for students who either attend middle school in Pacifica or reside in Pacifica and are in Grades 6-8. The following policies are enforced in efforts to maintain a safe, supervised, and appropriate environment for students to socialize. **Failure to obey the policies can result in a phone call to parent/guardian, dismissal from the dance, or suspension from future dances.**

- Tickets must be purchased from a Pacifica Parks, Beaches and Recreation Department Staff member or from the school office.
- Students **will not** be allowed to enter the dance without their **current student ID card** or a note from the school office. *Parent notes or school year books are not accepted.*
- Doors close at 7:30pm. If you plan to arrive late, you must let Recreation Coordinator know by 5:00pm the night of the dance.
- If students lose their ticket, they must notify Recreation Coordinator.
- Students will respect Recreation Staff and the Community Center facility.
- Once students have entered the dance, they may not leave until the dance is over at 9:00pm. There are not in and out privileges at the dance. If leaving is necessary, parent /guardian must speak with Recreation Coordinator.
- Inappropriate and dangerous behavior (including dancing, running, horseplay, or anything that could result in injury) is prohibited.
- No inappropriate displays of affection will be allowed at the dance.
- Dancing: All students that choose to dance must be respectful of all other participant's personal space. Space must be allowed between participants while dancing to ensure that all dancers are respected and feel comfortable.
- Food and Drink: No outside food and drinks are allowed within the dance. Outside food/drink will be confiscated at the door. Refreshments will be available for sale. Water is available free of charge at the drinking fountain.
- Items such as gum, markers, cigarettes, matches, lighters, tobacco, weapons, lasers or anything "glow in the dark" are not allowed and will be confiscated at the door.
- Cell phones/cameras may not be used inside the dance auditorium.
- All dance styles must be appropriate. "Moshing, slam dancing, freaking, grinding" will not be tolerated. **Recreation Staff in attendance will be the final judges of appropriateness.**
- All persons/backpacks/bags/purses are subject to being searched. All belongings must be checked into coat check area.
- Any student found under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance will be immediately removed from the dance. Parent/guardian as well as Pacifica Police Department will be notified.
- If a student feels uncomfortable for any reason, they should go to a recreation staff member in a green shirt and let them know immediately of the issue so staff can take action.
- City of Pacifica is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- City of Pacifica and its employees may photograph students and use as promotional advertisement.

DRESS CODE

Recreation Staff in attendance will be the final judges of appropriateness. *If student does not meet the dress code, the parent will be called for a change of clothes or given an oversized camp T-shirt (when appropriate).*

- All pants, shorts, and skirts must be appropriately fitted at the waist
- No extremely short shorts. Tops must cover appropriately.
- Skirt length must meet the tips of fingers when arms are fully extended hanging to the side.
- No clothing or hats that indicate obscenities, violence, gang affiliation, drug, tobacco, alcohol, or sexual nature.