

Buck Mountain Central School Dance Policy

Dances held at Buck Mountain Central School are sponsored by the Buck Mountain School Students' Union/Leadership and are intended to enhance the social climate of the school. Dances are for the enjoyment of students and their invited guests. As such, the onus for organizing dances falls on the Student Council and the onus for providing chaperones falls to the parents of students.

Rules and Regulations

1. Who May Attend?

All students who attend Buck Mountain Central and their invited guests (approved by administration) may attend dances. The following may not attend BMC dances:

- a) Elementary-aged students or students not in at least grade 7
- b) Individuals 19 years of age or older
- c) Individuals who are not enrolled in and attending a secondary school (grade 7-12)

Students from BMC and other schools may be excluded from the dance for:

- a) 5 or more lates in a given month during the school year
- b) Poor attendance at school
- c) Being suspended from school (includes in-school suspension)
- d) Poor academic performance
- e) Ongoing/chronic behaviour issues.
- f) Skipping classes/school
- g) Other reasons as deemed necessary by administration

The list of ineligible students will be made available to students at least the day prior to the dance. This list will be in the office.

2. Dance Time

Dances will start at 6:00 PM and conclude at 10:00 PM.

Parent chaperones and staff supervisors are expected to be at the school by 5:30 PM. Students will not be allowed into the dance until 5:45 PM.

There are no in/out privileges. Once a student enters the school for the dance, s/he must stay. Anyone who leaves will not be permitted back in.

The school doors will be locked at 7:00. Only students with permission to arrive late will be admitted after that time.

In exceptional circumstances, approved by administration in advance, students may be permitted to come to the dance after the 7:00 locking of the doors. Names of approved students who will be arriving late will be given (by administration) to the teacher chaperone in charge of admitting guests prior to the dance. Only students on that list will be permitted to arrive late. Approved guests are not permitted to arrive late unless they are accompanying a student who has been approved to arrive late.

3. Out of Bounds Areas

Certain areas of the school will be locked off and out of bounds to students. These include:

- a) Junior High Hallway
- b) Classrooms and Entrances
- c) Computer Room
- d) Library
- e) Home Economics Room (including hallway between here and Gymnasium)
- f) Industrial Arts Room

Students found in the out of bounds areas will be asked to leave the dance immediately and will be subject to removal from future dances.

4. Doors

The only school door that will be open is the main entrance door on the east side of the school. All other door are locked and not to be used by students.

5. Guests

Guest list must be submitted to the principal for approval by noon the Friday before the dance. Students are permitted to invite no more than one guest. The principal will initial all guests approved for the dance. Sole discretion for approving guests rests with the principal. No other guests will be permitted to attend the dance. A teacher will be present at the front desk when the doors open to admit guests on the list. The inviting student must accompany invited guests upon arrival. Invited guests will have their dance attendance privileges revoked for further dances for any discipline issues they are involved in (including showing disrespect for supervisors) or if they disrupt the dance in any fashion. Guests must be attending a secondary (grade 7-12) school.

6. Number of Chaperones

There must be a minimum of five parent chaperones and three teacher chaperones approved by administration and present in order for a dance to occur.

Student Council must submit the names of the chaperones to the administration two weeks prior to the dance.

7. Alcohol/Drug Possession and Use

There will be zero tolerance of drug and alcohol use, either at the dance or before the dance. Students will be banned for a minimum of one year if they are caught using* drugs or alcohol, have used prior to coming, or have such in their possession. There will be a breathalyzer present at dances. There is no minimum level of drugs or alcohol that needs to be detected or present to result in a positive result for use. This means that ANY positive result that is detected by the breathalyzer will result in the imposition of the above consequences for the student or guest [These guidelines apply to all students, regardless of their age. Students who have reached the age of 18 and who wish to attend a school dance must comply with this regulation.]. Only a teacher can use the breathalyzer. The consequence for a student refusing to comply with a request to use the breathalyzer will be the same as if the student would have used it and the results were positive. In all cases where students test positive for alcohol use or who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the Breton RCMP will be notified and the names of students will be given to them. In these cases, parents will also be notified. Students of BMC will also be subject to further disciplinary measures, which would include a minimum of three days suspension from school.

In cases of drug use, students do not have to be found in possession of drugs to be considered under this guideline. Students who are displaying obvious symptoms of drug use (euphoria, excessive laughing, giggling, other physical symptoms or, in the case of marijuana, the smell of the drug) will be considered to be in breach of the drug policy and be subject to the above measures.

Students found in possession of alcohol, will have that alcohol confiscated and will be subject to the measures noted above.

* NOTE: *Caught using* will be defined as a positive test from a breathalyzer or the observation of the following symptoms by a staff member or other chaperone: Alcohol on the breath, slurred speech, incoherence, or other such symptoms.

Smoking/Vaping

As per Wetaskiwin Regional Public School Division Administrative Policy 175, there is to be no smoking/vaping on school premises or property. This includes cars parked in the school's parking lot. Smoking or the possession of tobacco products by students under the age of eighteen is illegal. Students caught smoking or in the possession of tobacco products will have those products confiscated and will be asked to leave the dance. Parents of students who need a ride home will be phoned. Students must sit in the galleria until parents arrive. Students who do not follow these procedures will be banned from school dances for a period of a minimum of

one year. Students of BMC will also be subject to further discipline, which would include a minimum one day suspension of school for smoking.

8. Misbehavior

Students and guests are expected to conduct themselves in a reasonable and responsible manner. Misbehavior of students will be determined by the chaperone.

- There will be no lewd behavior
- No violence or vandalism
- Guests will have the same guidelines
- If a student's guest is asked to leave, the student who invited them will be asked to leave as well
- Students who are visibly under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not be allowed to enter the school. A teacher supervisor or parent chaperone will notify Breton RCMP and provide them with full details of who the students are, how they arrived at the dance, etc.

9. Student Dress Code

The school dress code is in effect at all dances.

School Dress Policy → Students are expected to dress in a clean, neat, appropriate manner. The learning atmosphere should be considered comparable to a business atmosphere. Clothing with offensive words, slogans, or pictures is considered inappropriate. Students will not wear skimpy, revealing tops, shorts, or skirts (the arm rule). This would include tops that are backless or strapless. Spaghetti straps and bare midriffs are also not allowed. Coats are to be removed when in class. Students are expected to have a second pair of shoes to be worn in the school and in the gym. Outside shoes are to be removed at the entrance door when conditions are wet or muddy.

No coats, parkas, or outdoor clothing allowed in the dance. Students must check these prior to going into the gym.

10. Concession Use

Student Council may sell items out of the school concession. They will be given a float (must be requested in advance) and, at the end of the evening, will give the money collected to the designated staff member who will secure the money until the next school day. The concession must be restocked immediately following the dance.

11. Clean-Up

There will be a list of the cleanup and set up crew done by Student Council. The cleanup crew will have specific tasks assigned to them.

12. Chaperones

All adult supervisors must complete the forms as required by WRPS AP 490. This must be done at least two weeks prior to the dance.

Chaperones will be on duty in the galleria, the exits, outside, in the dance and in the north hallway. Parents are expected to inspect washrooms at least once every 15 minutes. There will be an assigned schedule drawn up by the Student Council staff advisor.

If there is a controversial situation that a parent comes across, they are to inform a teacher chaperone.

Parents are responsible for the actual chaperone duties for the dance. They are responsible for ensuring that students conduct themselves in a reasonable and safe manner. Staff members are present at the dance to provide support to parents, if needed. Thus, staff members may be present at the entrance door and in the galleria. Serious issues involving drugs, alcohol or severe misbehavior must be directed to a staff member so that proper authorities can be notified.