



## Junior/Senior Prom Rules and Regulations

The Hyatt Regency Hotel, Downtown Buffalo

Our faculty and student prom committee has worked to prepare a beautiful, celebratory and safe evening in the heart of Buffalo at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Many CHS faculty and staff have again volunteered their evening to make this event possible for our students. The event includes a fine dinner, dancing, and a fun photo backdrop for group and individual pictures. Both off-duty Buffalo Police officers and Buffalo Public Schools security officers will be present to ensure the safety of this event.

- The City Honors Junior/Senior Promenade is a school-sponsored extracurricular activity. As such, students are subject to the district code of conduct to, from and during this event.
- Failure to comply with either the rules and regulations in this document or the district code of conduct may result in disciplinary action and exclusion from future extracurricular events, including events such as graduation and other senior events.
- Students may be restricted from participating in this extracurricular activity due to academic, attendance or behavioral concerns.
- **Our school community, prom organizers and chaperones have the expectation that this will be an alcohol, drug, vape and tobacco-free event. If you are a student who has beliefs that are inconsistent with this expectation, you should not attend the CHS prom. If you who are a parent who has beliefs that are inconsistent with this expectation, you should not allow your child to attend the CHS prom.** Parents must be clear with their child that alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and vape products should not have any part in this school sponsored activity.
- **Parents of students arranging for group busses or chauffeured vehicles are strongly advised to protect themselves from liability issues by having a parent ride in the vehicle to eliminate the possibility of substance abuse.** Parent supervision on busses and chauffeured vehicles has been an emerging trend in recent years. While a new concept for some, we have found students still fully enjoy their evening together with their friends and classmates, and parents experience less stress that evening and better sleep. **For the safety of our students, the school reserves the right to board all chauffeured vehicles and busses.**
- **All prom tickets must be purchased by May 19<sup>th</sup> (no exceptions) per the Hyatt's rules.** Students may choose to invite a guest. All guest selections are subject to the approval of the Principal. The prom is for students in grades 11 and 12. Students in grade 10 may only participate if invited by a student in grade 11 or 12. If the guest is not a student at City Honors, their information must be provided to the principal at least one week before the prom date using the Guest Permission Slip. This must be signed by both the parent of the guest and their own school administrator. Failure to completely fill out or obtain needed signatures will result in the guest being refused admission to the prom. Completed Prom Guest forms must be faxed or emailed directly to City Honors from the student's home school.
- The Prom is held from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Students must arrive no later than 7:30. Students should plan their rides for 10:00 PM or a little bit before.
- There will be a SIT DOWN dinner. PLEASE INFORM THE PROM COORDINATORS OF ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS.
- The Prom is a school function sanctioned by the Buffalo Public Schools. All BPS policies relating to drugs, tobacco, alcohol or vape devices will be strictly enforced. Anyone suspected of being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will be prohibited from remaining at the Prom. **If this occurs, a parent will be required to pick the child up from the prom, regardless of whether the child has chauffeured transportation. Students found to be in possession of vape devices will also be sent home with their parents as the school has no way of knowing what chemicals a child may have ingested from the vape device and cannot accept the liability involved with continuing to host the child.** Tobacco and vaping are all prohibited anywhere on or near the premises.
- Students are *NOT* permitted to exit and return to the Prom at will. The parking lot and cars will be off limits while the Prom is in progress. Once a student is permitted to leave, they may not return.
- No backpacks, totes bags or other large bags will be permitted into the prom. Purses, outerwear and suit jackets will be opened and inspected by staff as students enter. Purses and suit jackets should not contain any fluids.
- Students are responsible for submitting the parent-student contract/permission slip at the time the prom ticket is purchased. All guest permission slips must be submitted in advance of the purchase of the prom ticket and be approved by the principal before a prom ticket can be purchased for the guest.
- No refunds will be given if students request or are asked to leave the Prom early.
- No refunds will be given after tickets are purchased unless there are exigent circumstances.
- Proper attire is expected of this formal event. No shorts or clothing inappropriate to an educational setting are to be worn. Students should plan to dress conservatively. **The school reserves the right to deny admission to any student not dressed appropriately to an educational setting.**