



## Hilltop Homecoming Dance Rules and Regulations

Friday – November 21, 2025

City Honors School Atrium

Time: 6:30 PM- 9:00 PM

Our faculty and student Hilltop Homecoming committee has worked to prepare a beautiful, celebratory and safe evening in our school atrium. Many CHS faculty, staff and parents have again volunteered their evening to make this event possible for our students. Buffalo Public Schools security officers will be present to ensure the safety of this event.

- The Hilltop Homecoming Dance is a school-sponsored extracurricular activity for students in grades 9-12. 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.
- Students may be restricted from participating in this extracurricular activity due to academic, attendance or conduct concerns.
- **Our school community, dance organizers and chaperones have the expectation that this will be an alcohol, tobacco product, and drug-free event. If you are a student who has beliefs that are inconsistent with this expectation, you should not attend the dance. If you are a parent who has beliefs that are inconsistent with this expectation, you should not allow your child to attend the dance.** Parents must be clear with their child that alcohol and drugs (including nicotine) should not have any part in this school sponsored activity.
- **Parents of students arranging for group buses 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 alcohol or drug use.** Parent supervision on buses 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/inspect chauffeured vehicles and buses.
- **All CHS student dance tickets must be purchased by November 21 at 9:00am, no exceptions. No ticket may be sold without a signed dance permission slip.**
- **Purchased tickets cannot be exchanged, resold, or gifted to other students who wish to attend.**
- Students may choose to invite a guest. Guest permission slips must be signed by the student, parents/guardians, sent via fax to our school from the guest's school administrator, and approved by Dr. Kresse before a ticket can be purchased for the guest. The dance is for students in grades 9-12. Non-high school students are not permitted as guests. As requested by our student body, guest tickets will not be available for purchase until Thursday prior to the event in order to accommodate CHS students with an interest in attending.
- The dance is held from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. **Students must arrive no later than 7:15 PM.** Students should plan their rides for 9:00 PM or a little bit before.
- Students will enter through the main Fosdick Street entrance for careful screening prior to entering the dance zone. Students will from the Fosdick Street side Atrium doors. No drops-offs or pick-ups will be permitted on Masten, East North, or Best Streets.
- The dance is a school function sanctioned by the Buffalo Public Schools. All BPS policies relating to drugs, tobacco product, alcohol, and COVID safety protocols will be strictly enforced. Anyone suspected of being under the influence of drugs, using a vape device and/or alcohol will be prohibited from remaining at the dance. **If this occurs, a parent will be required to pick the child up from school, regardless of whether the child has chauffeured transportation. No refunds will be provided.**
- Students are **NOT** permitted to exit and return to the dance. Once a student is permitted to leave, they may not return.
- No backpacks, purses, totes bags or other large bags will be permitted into the dance. Clutches, outerwear and suit jackets will be opened and carefully inspected by staff as students enter.
- Students are responsible for submitting the parent-student contract/permission slip at the time the dance ticket is purchased. All guest permission slips must be submitted in advance of the purchase of the dance ticket and be approved by the principal before a dance ticket can be purchased for the guest.
- No refunds will be given if students request or are asked to leave the dance early or if a student must leave the dance early due to a conduct issue.
- No refunds will be given after tickets are purchased unless there are extraordinary circumstances.
- Proper attire is expected at this semi-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 for an educational setting.**