

# David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy

## School Dance Policy- PROM Specific

David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy (DTSMA) has adopted common policies pertaining to regular school dances. DTSMA will provide a healthy, safe, fun, social atmosphere for students to create memorable and meaningful experiences while following LPSS (Lafayette Parish School System) rules and expectations outlined in the student handbook. Dances should provide an opportunity for students to socialize in a supervised and safe environment. DTSMA feels the following guidelines will be strictly enforced at all DTSMA dances to ensure our high expectations. We also encourage families to discuss these rules together with their children and to copy this document for future reference before it is turned in to the school.

1. Appropriate social behaviors are expected from everyone in attendance.
2. The expectation is for students to come to a dance drug, tobacco, and alcohol free and to remain as such. **ALL students and their guests will be subject to a breathalyzer test at all dances.** There is specific procedure for the application of breathalyzers. Students suspected of possessing or using alcohol, tobacco or drugs immediately before or during a dance will be subject to school discipline and detained until parents arrive to take their child home. Other arrangements will be made for the student's removal, if a parent cannot be found.
3. Students may also be subject to personal and/or property/ vehicle, including limousines or busses, search prior to entering (or during) the dance, if their behavior/condition warrants it.
4. Suspensions, expulsions and possible arrests will be dealt with on an individual basis upon the discovery of such behavior.
5. Students removed from the dance or denied entry into the dance will not be given refunds.
6. Attire for semi-formal/formal dances are as follows:
  - a. a button down shirt and slacks; **no jeans** are permitted at semi-formal/formal dances. Dress shoes/ boots are required; **no tennis shoes**. This attire is for the entire evening. (tie, suit, sport coat, tuxedo and/or dinner jacket ensemble is optional).
  - b. formal dresses or pant suits (no dresses will be permitted which overly expose; no plunging neckline are allowed). Mid-drifts are not allowed to be shown and dresses **MUST** be at mid-calf to floor length. Flip-flops and tennis shoes are not allowed. Undergarments should not be visible; no jeans are permitted at formal dances. This attire is for the entire evening. No Mesh/see-thru material on dresses that cause inappropriate revealing or exposure of skin/chest/midriff/bottoms.
  - c. Appropriate dress accessories must follow LPSS policy: hats, coats, clothing, sunglasses, etc.
7. Friends from other schools and other guest are invited but **MUST** have a completed guest form (signed by their school officials) and a school picture I.D/ valid state I.D. to enter the dance. Guest form is due at the time of dance entry. **NO** middle school students or **NO** guest over the age of 21 will be allowed into a high school sponsored dance. **NO** high school students or guest over the age of 15 will be allowed into a middle school sponsored dance. Guests who violate the "dance policy" will not be permitted to attend any future dances during the current or future academic years and placed on a do not invite list. Current DTSMA students must bring their school ID to all dances.
8. Most dances are held from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. All students should be picked up no later than fifteen minutes after the announced scheduled ending of the dance.
9. Doors will close 30 minutes after dance begins. No student will be admitted past that time without prior permission from an administrator. Students must remain at the dance until 30 minutes of the ending time of the dance- or time assigned by the dance coordinator- unless a parent comes in person to pick them up.
10. Inappropriate dance (moshing, body surfing, slam dancing, grinding, sexually charged/explicit dancing or any type of dance, which could be deemed inappropriate for school) will not be allowed.
11. Students are to be in designated dance areas. Students found outside the designated areas will be escorted off school and/or dance area property, and parents will be notified.

12. Students may not leave the dance until the scheduled ending time. All things needed for a dance must be in the student's possession upon arrival; there is no return to cars for cameras, purses, etc. Exceptions must be cleared with the administrators.

13. The expectation is for all students and their guests to behave in a courteous and polite manner at all times. Dances are privileges, not entitlements. The expectation is for school leaders to challenge and aid in correcting misbehavior. The privilege to have a dance lends itself to a collective responsibility for self-monitoring of the student body's behavior.

14. Students are not permitted on the stage unless requested by the administration or the "DJ".

15. Any disruption of a school dance, such as fighting, chanting of profanity, willful disobedience of an adult chaperone or anything which could be defined as unruly behavior will be handled on an individual basis, where possible (this will include but not be limited to removal from the dance, discipline from school or, in extraordinarily rare instances, arrest).

16. No refunds will be issued to students or their guest that are denied entry to a dance or do not attend.

17. Students are not permitted to bring backpacks or bags or any type. Only small purses are permitted. LPSS bag policy will be enforced.

Students removed from a dance may be prohibited from attending future dances (all dances including Prom) for up to one year. In addition, the degree of group misbehavior may jeopardize the holding of future dances. Though group punishment is not a preferred consequence, group disobedience (chanting, general unrest) may result in the instantaneous cancellation of the dance (there will be no refund). Furthermore, cancellation of a dance after it has started may result in the cancellation of all dances for up to a year. Parents will be called by their children or the school, when possible, should an early cancellation take place. Continued dance privileges for an individual or group will be determined by the Principal and/or Assistant Principals.

### **Commitment to Responsible Dance Behavior**

**I have read the aforementioned, and if I choose to attend a dance, I intend to comply completely by the stated rules. I understand that there are individual responsibilities and also recognize that group misbehavior at any dance may result in that dance being canceled and all school dances canceled for a year. A point of reference: It should be understood that if this form is not signed by parent and student, the student may not attend any dance.**

**Once signed, this contract applies to all school dances for the 2025- 2026 school year.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Please print your name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**GRADE**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Please print your name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

**David Thibodaux S.T.E.M. Magnet Academy**  
**Guest Procedure for Dances**

**Responsibility:** As a David Thibodaux S.T.E.M. Magnet Academy (DTSMA) student, I realize that attendance at school activities is a privilege. I understand that all school/ LPSS (Lafayette Parish School system) rules apply at school dances. I will take responsibility to inform my guest of the rules and policies of DTSMA and LPSS.

DTSMA Student (Please Print) : \_\_\_\_\_ Grade : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of DTSMA Student : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DTSMA Parent (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of DTSMA Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number night of dance \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest: (Any student NOT attending DTSMA)**

**Guest Agreement:** As a guest, I am aware of, and willing to follow, rules and policies of DTSMA and LPSS. I realize that attendance at DTSMA school activities is a privilege. I must present a pictured school ID or valid state ID and this form (Guest Procedure for Dances) at the door the night of the dance.

Guest (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Parent (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Guest Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number night of dance: \_\_\_\_\_

**School Officials: (if applicable)**

Your student has been invited to attend the below named dance as a guest of a DTSMA student. By signing this paper you are stating that this student is enrolled at your high school with no significant discipline infractions. Your student has agreed to follow all school policies including the following: presenting his/her school ID to enter the dance along with this form.

School Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Student Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

School Administrator (Please Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of School Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dance Polices:**

ALL DTSMA and LPSS school rules, including the School Dance Policy, apply at all DTSMA school functions.

**Dance Information: Dance Title: Junior/Senior Prom April 18th Time: 7pm-10pm**

Note: No one will be admitted into the dance after 7:30pm , NOR, will anyone be permitted to leave the dance before 9:30

**Form due at the time of dance entry**