

Prom Night Safety Checklist for Parents and Guardians

As the Class of 2026 prepares for a memorable Senior Prom this Saturday, we want to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience. This checklist is designed to help you facilitate a conversation with your student about expectations and safety logistics.

1. Review School Policies

- **Zero-Tolerance Policy:** Discuss the school's strict policy regarding alcohol and controlled substances. Emphasize that being found intoxicated will lead to an immediate parent pick-up and will jeopardize their participation in graduation ceremonies.
- **Arrival & Departure:** Confirm the official event start and end times. Remember that students who leave the venue will not be allowed to re-enter.

2. Transportation Plan

- **Primary Transport:** Verify how your student is getting to and from the venue (e.g., school bus, professional limo/party bus, or driving themselves).
- **Driver Safety:** If your student is driving, ensure they are comfortable with the route and understand the dangers of distracted driving.
- **Backup Plan:** Establish a "no-questions-asked" ride home. Ensure your student knows they can call you or a designated adult if their original transportation plan becomes unsafe.

3. Communication & Contact Info

Item	Details to Confirm
Contact List	Ensure you have the phone numbers of the friends your student will be with.
Phone Battery	Remind your student to fully charge their phone and consider bringing a portable power bank.
Check-in Times	Agree on specific times for your student to send a quick text update (e.g., upon arrival, before heading to post-prom).

4. Post-Prom Plans

- **Location:** Know exactly where your student plans to go after the dance ends.
- **Supervision:** If they are attending a post-prom party, confirm if it is a school-sanctioned event or a private gathering with adult supervision.
- **Curfew:** Set a clear expectation for when your student is expected to be home or at their final destination for the night.

5. Emergency Preparedness

- **Identification:** Ensure your student has their school ID or a valid form of identification.
- **Medical Info:** Check that your student has any necessary medications (e.g., inhalers, EpiPens) and that their friends are aware of any serious allergies.