

Champlain Valley Union High School

Guidelines for School Dances

Goal for School Dances - The Staff and Administration will ensure that school dances are fun, safe, and respectful for all.

Arrival and Departure to and from Dances

Students attending a dance must arrive by 9:00 p.m. (if the dance is 7 p.m. -11 p.m. or otherwise halfway through the dance) unless prior arrangements have been made and approved by the Dance Administrator in order to be admitted. Students are free to leave the dance at any time, but will not be re-admitted after leaving.

Guests at CVU dances are allowed for Winter Ball and Prom and must adhere to the following:

- Guests (outside of CVUHS) may be allowed if a CVU student has pre-registered the guest with the House Office. It is the responsibility of the CVU student to inform his/her guest of the school rules;
- **Guests must be current high school students in good standing or a CVU graduate one year out;**
- Show a picture ID upon check-in or will not be permitted to attend dance;
- Provide home telephone/emergency contact number; and
- Bags/Purses may be subject to search.

Use of Illegal Substances Before and During Dances

It is the policy of this school district that no student shall knowingly possess, use, transfer or be under the influence of any drug, alcohol or other regulated substance at school or at any school-sponsored activity.

Students believed to be under the influence of substances will be interviewed by the Dance Administrator. The student may be asked to submit to a breath test administered by the law enforcement officer assigned to the dance. If it is determined that substances were consumed, the parents of the student will be contacted and asked to pick up their child. The student would then be in violation of the Substance Use Policy (F9) and would be subject to completing the steps required by the school.

Dancing

CVU is committed to providing a safe and supportive school environment in which all students are treated with respect. The act of dancing has changed through the years. It is not the school's role to dictate what type of dance is or is not considered acceptable. However, it is essential that during dances, no student be made to feel threatened or unsafe in the environment created by the method of dancing. Behaviors, which, if sufficiently severe, pervasive or persistent to interfere with a person's ability to participate in or benefit from school programs would be unlawful harassment and not allowed. These behaviors include but are not limited to "sandwich" dancing, extreme "grinding", physical aggression or force, the threat of physical aggression or force, demeaning comments or behavior.