



Menlo-Atherton High School

DANCE POLICY- PARENT/ STUDENT CONTRACT

In order for students to attend Menlo-Atherton's dances, read the following contract, sign and return to the AVP office prior to purchasing your tickets. By signing this contract, you agree to abide by the Dance Policies and accept the consequences if you break any rules.

*All guests of Menlo-Atherton students' will be required to sign and return a Guest Pass, at least 48 hours before the dance in order to attend. Guests must be under the age of 20. **Former Menlo-Atherton students with any prior discipline record will NOT be allowed to attend as guests.***

Attendance Eligibility- to attend a Menlo-Atherton dance, students must meet the following criteria:

1. No more than 5 unexcused period absences
2. No more than 5 tardies including warranted tardies
3. No day/s of suspension within 5 weeks prior to the date of the dance

See page 17 in the student planner for more information about dance regulations/attendance.

Dance Rules:

- **NO ADMITTANCE AT THE DANCE WITHOUT A PHOTO ID**
- No alcohol or drug use.
- All school rules apply whether dance is held on or off campus.
- Inappropriate behavior or dangerous dancing will not be permitted.
- If you have to leave the dance prior to the end of the dance, a parent/guardian **must** pick you up.

Consequences:

- All school discipline applies –see the planner.
- If you choose to break the law by using alcohol or drugs before or at the dance:
 - You will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension from school as required by Education Codes and possible legal consequences.
 - You will not be allowed to attend *any* dances for the remainder of the school year.
 - Your parents/guardian will have to pick you up.
 - You will complete community service hours.
 - If you are a student athlete other consequences may apply.

[Note: There will be a Breathalyzer used at all dances]

If you behave inappropriately at a dance and behavior at the next dance is also inappropriate, you will not be allowed to attend **any** dances for the remainder of the school year, including **PROM**. If you feel that you cannot follow these rules, please make an appointment with Mr. Amoroso.

Please Print, Complete and Return Entire Form

I, _____ *[print name of student]*

have read and agree to follow the Menlo-Atherton School Dance Policy/Rules. I understand that by signing this, I agree to behave appropriately and to arrive and stay sober at all school dances.

[Signature of student]

[Date]

[Student ID number]

[Grade]



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PARENT/GUARDIANS:

Menlo-Atherton High School requests your assistance to ensure that all students who choose to attend school dances follow the school policy outlined below. Your student has been informed of the rules and if s/he chooses not to follow them, s/he will receive disciplinary consequences (see Student Contract on reverse). Both the parent and student contract must be signed in order for your student to attend M-A dances.

I, _____ [print name of parent/guardian]
have read the Menlo-Atherton High School dance policy and have discussed it with my student. S/he agrees to follow the school and dance rules for this school year's dances. I also agree to support any consequences my student may receive for breaking any of the school or dance rules.

[Signature of parent/guardian]

[Date]

[Print name of STUDENT]

Contact information- In the event of an emergency, where I can be reached during dances:

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

Dances are an opportunity for students to socialize in a safe, supervised, and appropriate environment. Student behavior must reflect the district's mutual respect policy.

- Doors close one hour after the dance begins.
- Students may leave the dance 30 minutes prior to its posted end time. If they need to leave earlier a parent will need to be contacted and pick them up. Students may not leave the dance and return.
- Students must be picked up within 15 minutes of the end of the dance. If not, they will be subject to a late fee to cover extended supervision fees.
- Inappropriate or dangerous dancing is disallowed.
- Inappropriate dress is disallowed.
- Selling, possession, or being under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance will result in immediate removal from the dance and suspension from school, along with possible legal consequences.
- The use of a Breathalyzer is at the discretion of school administration.
- Failure to comply with the rules will result in removal from the dance and notification of parents/guardians, and other disciplinary action as determined by school administration.

Office use only

AVP Office Approval: _____ Date: _____