

Rittman High School Prom

Eligibility, Behavior and Dress Guidelines

In an attempt to be fair and consistent among districts within and around the Wayne County area, the following guidelines have been developed and supported by the principals served by the Tri-County (Wayne, Ashland, and Holmes) Educational Service Center. They have been developed in line with the Board of Education's approved student code of conduct and dress code with adaptation for a formal dance.

Eligibility Guidelines: **Students below 9th grade or over the age of 20 are not permitted to attend. Students who are no longer attending high school and did not graduate (dropouts) are also not permitted to attend.** NEW: Students must maintain a daily attendance average of 80% or above to be eligible to attend prom. For the purpose of calculation, excused and unexcused absences count the same.

Behavior: The Board of Education approved Student Code of Conduct will be in effect at all times. Students who choose to bring an outside guest are responsible for registering the guest when tickets are purchased by the host student. Host students who bring guests are responsible to properly inform and clarify the Student Code of Conduct, including the dress code, to their date.

Boy's Formal Dress: Formal prom attire may be classified as a tuxedo or dress suit, including a tie, bow, turtle neck, a shirt or priest collar shirt which may include a vest or cummerbund. Shirts are to be worn at all times. Dress shoes must be worn while in any public building. Tennis shoes and/or athletic shoes are unacceptable for a formal dance.

Girl's Formal Dress: Traditionally formal dress or gowns may be strapless or may feature spaghetti straps. Bare or open back are acceptable; however, two-piece outfits, bare stomachs, bare or open side panels or bare midriffs are not permitted. Dress shoes and/or dress sandals are required to be worn at all times. Under garments should not be visible. See-through apparel and gowns or dresses with slits that are above the mid-thigh area are not permitted. Garments that are extremely tight or extremely low-cut are also unacceptable.

Dancing: Dancing is expected to be appropriate for school. Typically, dancing is to be face-to-face; no lewd, suggestive, or overtly sexual dancing will be permitted.

Music: The music selection available will be appropriate for a high school Prom. The DJ is pre-approved by the high school principal prior to the event. Although diverse types of music will be played, all will contain acceptable lyrics and content.

If you have any questions or are unsure if the outfit you are about to purchase will meet the established guideline, please see the prom advisor. Additional information for singles/couples regarding cost, dates/times, etc. will be available as the date approaches. We hope your Prom is one that provides many enjoyable memories that last a lifetime. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.