

Branson

Dance Pledge Form

Each student, parent, and a chaperone of the student's choice (an adult who is assigned to chaperone the dance in question) must sign this pledge.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

I, _____, promise to abide by the Branson General Dance Rules and all Major Rules and Expectations as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook. I will dance appropriately and refrain from consuming drugs or alcohol at or before the dance for my personal safety and out of respect for my teachers, my classmates, and the entire Branson community. I realize that, should I violate this pledge, I may face disciplinary action at the discretion of the Class Deans or the Head of School and that my actions may jeopardize future dances at The Branson School.

I, _____, (chaperone), believe that _____ will adhere to this pledge.

I, _____, (parent), believe that _____ will adhere to this pledge.

Student Signature: _____

Chaperone Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

THE BRANSON SCHOOL DANCE POLICY

In order to ensure student safety and mutual respect between students and their chaperones at Branson dances, Branson students must sign a dance pledge before each dance. By doing so, students agree to abide by the Branson General Dance Rules and all Major Rules and Expectations as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook.

GENERAL RULES

1. **School Rules:** All school rules are in effect during school dances. In particular the Drug and Alcohol Policy, which states that “use, possession, being under the influence of drugs and alcohol, and possession of drug paraphernalia may result in immediate removal from The Branson School.”
2. **Comportment:** Students' manner of dancing, their dress, and their behavior will be appropriate to any school event.
3. **Entrance:**
 - a. All students will enter and exit through one designated door.
 - b. If a chaperone suspects a student is under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any point during the dance, that student will be subject to ejection from the dance and his or her parents will be called. Further consequences and disciplinary action may follow.
 - c. Upon entry students will turn in their dance pledges (for on-campus dances) and be checked for appropriate dress and compliance with the aforementioned policies. They will then receive a paper bracelet, which must remain on throughout the event (see Rules For Dancing).
 - d. All students must arrive within 30 minutes of the doors opening. Students arriving after this time will not be permitted to enter the dance.
4. **Departure:**
 - a. Students are expected to remain at dances for the duration. However, students may leave any dance 30 minutes before the end of the dance without parental permission.
 - b. On-campus dances: If students wish to leave in advance of 30 minutes before the end of the dance, their early departure must be confirmed by their parent with a Class Dean, and the student must sign out.
 - c. Once students exit the dance, they may not return.
5. **Dance Pledge:** Pledges must be signed by a chaperone (who is chaperoning the dance in question).
 - a. On-campus dances: Students must bring their completed pledge to the dance in order to gain entry.
 - b. Off-campus dances: Students must turn in their completed pledge to their Class Dean by the designated date and time.
6. **Guest Policy:** All guests must be accompanied by a Branson student. Branson students must sign up their guest in advance of the dance by using the Dance Guest Form available on the Student Resources page in Haiku. Students must return guest forms to the dean's boxes by 3pm on the Thursday before the dance. At the dance, Branson students must introduce their guests to a chaperone on duty. **Students may bring only one guest and are responsible for the behavior of their guest;** Branson students may face disciplinary action if their guests do not abide by the Dance Rules.
7. **Dress:** Students should use good judgment and wear appropriate dress that is not excessively revealing. The ultimate decision of appropriate dress will be made by the chaperones on duty. Dressing in costume is encouraged for themed dances.
8. **Accessories:** No bags, backpacks, or chewing gum will be permitted in the event. Students may bring small bags or purses that are subject to search.

GENERAL DANCE RULES

- All school rules are in effect during school dances.
- Students may use only designated doors for entry and exit.
- If students leave the specified dance area, they may not return to the dance.
- All students must arrive within thirty minutes of the doors opening. Students arriving after that time will not be permitted to enter the dance; no excuses will be permitted.
- If students leave earlier than the final time stated, they must sign out.
- Students are asked to wear appropriate attire that is not overly revealing.
- Students should carry only small bags or purses that will be checked in at the entry table.
- Chaperones must be able to walk through the dance floor and venue at all times.
- All dancing must be consensual, face to face and not simulate sexual activities.
- If the style of dance makes the chaperones uncomfortable, then students must refrain from such dancing.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE DANCING

1st Violation: Chaperones will remove the bracelet from a student who dances inappropriately. The student may continue to dance according to the dance rules.

2nd Violation: Student must leave the dance. Parents will be called.