

**Penobscot Bay YMCA
Regional Middle School Dances
2009 – 2010 Expectations and Protocols**

Purpose of Middle School Dances:

The PBYMCA wants to provide a positive, safe and age appropriate environment for students to dance (in socially appropriate ways), hang out with friends, enjoy music and build relationships with students from local schools.

Dance Times:

7th / 8th Grade Dance: 7 – 9:15 PM

Dance Drop Off:

7th / 8th Grade students should not be dropped off prior to 6:45 PM.

All students are to be dropped off at the front entrance of the YMCA and will be monitored by chaperones during drop off.

Parent Pick Up:

Students should be picked up promptly at 9:15 PM

Dance Expectations:

1. When students arrive at the dance, they must enter the dance and stay inside until the dance is finished or until their parents come to pick them up. If a student wishes to leave early, the parent must come to the door and be visible to our chaperones.
2. Horseplay, running and non-aggressive behavior will result in one warning. If the behavior continues, they may be asked to leave the dance and will be banned from the next dance. Fighting or physical confrontations will not be tolerated and will lead to immediate removal from the dance and may result in being banned for future dances. Any student who seriously threatens or physically assaults another student will immediately be removed from the dance and may not be allowed to attend future dances.
3. Prolonged teasing or intimidation, through words or actions; verbal abuse on race, color, sex, religion, disability or sexual orientation will result in one verbal warning, with further infractions resulting in immediate removal from the dance. Harassment or bullying that escalates to the level of physical assault, battery and/or abuse will result in immediate removal and being banned from future dances.
4. Use of profanity or vulgar language by a student will lead to one warning, with further consequences of removal from the dance.
5. No student shall use, possess, be under the influence of, sell, furnish or distribute in any manner any substance declared illegal by state or federal law, including alcoholic beverages, drugs, or look-alikes. In addition, no student shall abuse any other substance, including inhalants. Any student in violation of this rule will not be permitted into the dance and / or will be immediately removed from the dance.

Law enforcement may also be notified to support the YMCA staff and chaperones in enforcing this rule.

6. Appropriate dancing is highly encouraged. Promiscuous or provocative dancing is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. All violators will be given one warning. Repeat offenders may be asked to leave the dance and banned from attending future YMCA dances.
7. Digital cameras and camera/cell phones cannot be used during dances. Chaperones will confiscate electronic items and photos taken during the dance will be deleted.
8. Students may not having in their possession any article commonly used to inflict harm, harass, threaten or intimidate others or any other potentially dangerous object.
9. Backpacks, purses or jackets are not permitted beyond the entrance of the dance.
10. Concession items, including food and drinks, are not permitted in the gym. Absolutely no gum allowed in the gym at any time. Outside food or drinks are not allowed beyond the entrance of the dance.
11. Students are expected to adhere to YMCA dance dress codes, such as: cover midriffs; shorts or skirts must be longer than the student's fingertips or be worn with leggings; tops must have at least 1" straps; shirts with messaging or logos must be appropriate for the YMCA environment; hats, hoods, bandanas and visors are not permitted; any other clothing that the YMCA staff or chaperones deems inappropriate for a YMCA environment will not be permitted.
12. Students are expected to comply with requests from chaperones and YMCA staff.
13. Students who do not adhere to the rules will be asked to leave and may not be allowed to attend future YMCA dances.