

# Rich Central



# High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Prom Participants:

The 2010 Junior/Senior Prom will be held on Friday, May 14 at Di Nolfos' Banquets, 9425 W. 191<sup>st</sup>, Mokena, IL 60448 (708.479.1919). Tickets will be on sale before and after school April 19-30. The cost of the ticket is \$75.00 per person. Tickets are payable by **cash or money order** only. **Tickets may not be purchased at the door.**

Registration will commence at 7:00 p.m. with a buffet dinner served at 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Dancing will begin at 8:00 p.m. and conclude at 11:00 p.m. Coronation will take place at approximately 10:00 p.m.

**The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student may have a desire to attend this event. Please review our expectations with him/her regarding prom.**

Prom night is a special evening for many people – the committee of Juniors who have worked so very hard, the advisors, administrators, faculty and parents who attend coronation. The special purposes, however, are to provide an enjoyable evening of dining, entertainment, and dancing for all those who attend. For the benefit of all, the following expectations are made:

1. Students should have **12 credits** (as of 1<sup>st</sup> semester, December 2009).
2. **2.0 GPA Eligibility Requirements** – In keeping with the Board policy for higher expectations, every student attending the prom must have achieved a grade point average of 2.0 for the third quarter that ends on March 12, 2010.

All candidates for Prom court must comply with the District 227 academic eligibility requirements as defined in our no-pass, no-play policy.

3. All students must have a **Prom Expectation Form** signed prior to the purchase of Prom tickets. Freshmen or sophomore students may not purchase a ticket; however, they may attend with a Junior or Senior Rich Central student. Students with dates from other schools (**non** Rich Central students) must complete and return a **Date Request Form** and **Guest Expectation Form** for administrative approval prior to purchasing tickets. Rich Central High School reserves the right to deny any date request. A student's Prom date may not exceed 20 years of age.

4. All students who are planning to attend Prom **must** be in attendance at school **all day** on Friday, May 14. **Students who attempt to sign out prior to 1:25 p.m. will not be admitted to Prom.** Any student not in attendance on May 14 for all class periods will not be admitted to Prom. **No refunds will be given.**
5. **Any student who has an out-of-school suspension after beginning February 8, 2010, will NOT be allowed to attend Prom.** Rich Central High School administrators and deans reserve the right to approve any student attending the Prom based on individual attendance and/or discipline issues. All student conduct and attendance policies for student behavior will be enforced. Any student who is on an attendance or tardy contract for any class may not be eligible for Prom pending the contract guidelines.
6. Rich Central students and guests must be at prom by **8:15 p.m.** and are expected to stay at least until the coronation ceremony is completed. No one will be permitted to enter after that time. **No refunds will be given for late arrivals.**
7. **Rich Central students and guests are required to present photo I.D. for admittance.** Anyone without a photo I.D. (school I.D., driver's license, state I.D. card, etc) will be denied entry and no refunds will be given. All prom guests are subject to dean and administration approval.
8. Our school policies apply to Prom as they do to any other school sponsored activity. Cell phone usage allowed in lobby area only. Also, anyone consuming intoxicating beverages before or during the prom or anyone on drugs or controlled substances will have their parents contacted and the parents will be required to pick up the student. Any students violating school policies will be subject to school disciplinary actions. No refunds will be given. Students suspected of being under the influence are subject to sobriety screening.
9. **Any students who do not adhere to the standard of dress will be asked to leave Prom.** All prom participants must abide by the Rich Central rules for attire and behavior. We do accept the fact that formal wear for the female students may be a bit more "revealing" (spaghetti straps and off-the-shoulder wear) than allowed by regular school dress policy. But, it is very important that formal attire meet a standard of decency. **Dresses that reveal the body around the stomach, navel, lower back and sides are not appropriate. Slits or splits in clothing must be modest (begin no higher than tip of longest finger).** Administration, deans and/or sponsors will make a final decision on appropriateness of dress. This is a school-sponsored event and we must maintain a level of appropriateness in the way students are dressed for the Prom. **Gentlemen are expected to dress in formal attire (tuxedos or suits).**
10. Professional photos will be available. Picture times will be from 7:00-10:30 p.m. Those photos that display gang signs or inappropriate poses will not be given to the students. No refunds will be given.

11. The mode of dancing, at prom, must be appropriate, so we do not undermine the character values that Rich Central promotes as a high school. One article in “Education Week” magazine calls a recent style of dance “Freak Dancing or Juking.” They describe it as “They’re boys’ hips, girls’ hips, front to front, back to front. It’s two, it’s three; standing up, bending over. . . grinding, jacking.” Students know it by different names in different towns: juking, freaking, grinding, jacking, booty dancing, the nasty. They do it to hip-hop and rap. – *Education Week, February 28, 2001.*

**The administration of Rich Central High School bans such modes of dancing. It is both offensive and demeaning.** The clear sexual overtones of this form of dancing are certainly not the kind of social climate we want to promote at school-sponsored activities. As parents we hope you agree with this position and will seriously remind your students of what is appropriate with regards to dancing and having fun.

NOW is the time for you to check with your son/daughter, access PowerSchool on a weekly basis, speak with your son/daughter’s counselor or teachers, wherever there might be a concern, and/or contact the dean.

By working closely with your child and the school, you will insure that all necessary qualifications/requirements to attend Prom are met. This notification is being sent to you in a timely enough fashion to avoid unnecessary expenditures, if qualifications/requirements are not met!

We are asking for your support in making this evening an enjoyable one for your son or daughter. ***We have also enclosed prom expectations forms for Rich Central students and non-Rich Central guests, which must be signed by the student and guest attending prom and by their parent/guardian.*** Prom tickets **cannot** be purchased until all forms are returned. We hope that your student will find prom a truly memorable event.

Sincerely,

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Jr. Class Sponsors

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