

Ballard HS Dance – Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much does it cost to go to a dance?

The cost depends on the dance. Most dances will cost between \$10-25 dollars per person for the actual ticket – Prom is around \$45-60. Price is also dependent on location and theme of the dance. There is never a discount for couples as this is a violation of Washington State ASB Finance laws. Tickets are always purchased in advance, at the school, typically at lunchtime in the Activity Center. Cash and checks are accepted. No tickets are ever sold at the door.

Other expenses that may come with a dance include an outfit (depending on whether the dance is formal, semi-formal, or casual), a corsage or boutonnière (typical for formal and semi-formal dances), dinner beforehand, and pictures at the dance. Typically a date couple will split the cost of pictures. Depending on which package of photos you order, this could cost between \$20-40. Money is collected by the photographers (cash or check only) at the dance.

2. Where does my ticket money go?

While high school dances are fun events for students to attend, they are also typically fundraisers for different classes. After expenses for the DJ, facility, security, nurse, and any decorations are paid for, the remainder of the ticket money is deposited into the ASB fund of the class who sponsored the dance. This money can be put towards activities and events that the class plans and participates in such as class dinners, Prom, a class gift at the end of four years, etc.

3. When is the dance and how will I know?

Information advertising the dance will be posted at school (posters), in the daily bulletin, the Ballard ASB Facebook page, and usually on the school website. Parents inquiring about the date and time can always call the main office as well, 206-252-1000. Ballard dances traditionally begin at 9:00pm and finish at Midnight. School administrators expect that students attending the dance will have transportation plans in advance if a pick up is required, leaving at 12:00am or earlier.

4. When can I buy a ticket?

Tickets are sold at lunch in the Activity Center by ASB Officers. Tickets are typically sold for approximately two-three weeks leading up to a dance with appropriate announcements reminding students to buy their ticket.

5. Can I bring a guest?

Guests are allowed at Ballard High School dances on a dance-by-dance basis. If the Principal approves the invitation of guests to a dance, the following procedure grants a guest permission:

- a.) The Ballard HS student must obtain a guest permission slip in the Activity Center ticket window.

- b.) The Ballard HS student must have their own parent/guardian sign the slip, acknowledging that their child will be bringing a guest.
- c.) The guest must have an administrator from the guest's school sign the slip, acknowledging that the guest does not have any reason to not be allowed to attend.
- d.) The permission slip must be delivered back to the school before the guest slip deadline. The guest slip deadline is always announced with ticket information. Typically, guest slips are due by 3:00pm, 5 school days in advance of the dance.

6. Anything else I need to know?

- Large bags are not allowed to be brought into the dance.
- Student ID MUST BE PRESENTED BY ALL STUDENTS upon entrance.
- There are NO PASS OUTS. Once you leave through the exit doors, you cannot come back in to the dance.
- Any student under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will be subject to the Seattle School District Disciplinary Code. A parent or guardian will be called to pick the student up at the dance.
- Any student dancing in a way considered inappropriate by an adult supervisor can and will be asked to leave for the evening.
- Any student considered inappropriately dressed by an adult supervisor can be asked to leave.
- Girls who take off heels must have flip flops or slippers to put on in their replacement. Bare feet are never allowed at a dance.
- Doors close at 10:30pm
- No refunds on dance tickets

For additional questions, please contact BHS Activity Coordinator, Carrie Burr at 206-252-1076 or cjburr@seattleschools.org