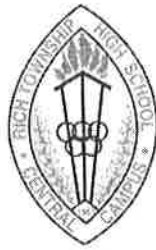


# Rich Central



# High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Prom Participants:

The 2019 Junior/Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 4 at The Odyssey Country Club, 19110 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60477, (708) 492-7400. Tickets will be on sale April 8-12 and 15-18 (before and after school) and on April 29 (during Junior/Senior lunch periods) – outside of the Counselors' Office. The cost of the ticket is \$100.00 per person. Tickets are payable by **cash or money order only**. Tickets may **not** be purchased at the door.

Registration and pictures will commence at 7:00 p.m. with a buffet dinner served at 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Dancing will also begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 11:00 p.m. Coronation will take place at approximately 9:30 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. **Classification** – To purchase a ticket, a student must be **classified as a Junior or Senior in PowerSchool** (as of 1/8/19).
2. **2.0 GPA Eligibility Requirements** – In alignment with the Board policy for higher expectations, every student attending Prom must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 from 3rd quarter through the date of ticket purchase.
3. **Forms** - 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. **Any student attempting to change his/her date listed on the ticket must make changes 5 days prior to Prom; otherwise, the new guest will not be admitted into Prom.** A student's Prom date may not exceed 20 years of age.

4. **Prom Court** – All candidates for Prom court must comply with the District 227 academic and discipline eligibility requirements as defined in our no-pass, no-play policy.
5. **Attendance** – All students who are planning to attend Prom **must** be in attendance at school **all day** on Friday, May 3. Any student not in attendance on May 3 for **all** class periods will not be admitted to Prom. **No refunds will be given.**
6. **Discipline** – Prom is a privilege, not a right. Any student who has received more than two (2) out-of-school suspensions **or** more than four (4) separate in-school suspensions **or** 4 or more S.A.F.E Interventions **from the start of the school year until the date of Prom** 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. S.A.F.E. Interventions can include parent conference, Restorative Justice, etc. 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.
7. **Entrance to Prom** – 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.** No person over the age of 20 will be admitted into Prom. Students are expected to stay until coronation is completed at approximately 10:15 p.m. Any student who leaves Prom during the evening without security approval or security escort will not be allowed to return.
8. **Photo ID** – 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.
9. **School Policies** – Rich Central school policies apply to Prom as they do to any other school sponsored activity. 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.
10. **Attire** – 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).** Covering up an unacceptable dress with a shawl is still unacceptable.

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, no gym shoes).**

If you are unsure of the modesty of your attire or your date's attire, please see the Junior Class Sponsors, Mrs. Aguirre (708.679.5833 or maguirre@rich227.org) or Mrs. Irvin (708.679.5763 or cirvin@rich227.org) prior to your purchase of any attire. Administration, deans and/or sponsors will make a final decision on appropriateness of dress.

11. **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.

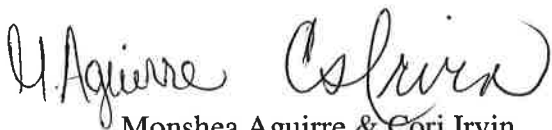
12. **The administration and staff of Rich Central High School bans modes of dancing that are inappropriate, offensive and demeaning.** The clear sexual overtones of this form of dancing are certainly not the kind of social climate we want to promote at school-sponsored activities. As parents we hope 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 student, access PowerSchool on a weekly basis, speak with your student'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,



Monshea Aguirre & Cori Irvin  
Jr. Class Sponsors



Mr. Todd Whitaker  
Principal

# PROM 2019 Go Card

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

2.0 GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Jr./Sr. Status \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of 1-8-19)

Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

*(No more than 2 out of school suspensions OR more than 4 in-school suspensions OR 4 or more S.A.F.E. Interventions from the start of school year until the date of Prom)*

You **MUST** have the Dean's signature on **EACH** line before you can purchase a ticket!

Beginning April 1...

See your designated Dean to have a  
*Prom 2019 Go Card* completed to  
verify you are eligible to attend Prom.

**\*No ticket(s) will be sold without a Go  
Card and ALL necessary forms completed!**