



Prom 2025 Information and Policies

Please remember while reading this that the prom is put on by many *volunteer* hours, it is not designed to turn a profit, but to be enjoyed by all who attend.

Please do not try to find loop holes to the rules, or attribute malintent to anyone involved.

Thank you!

PARENTS AND ATTENDEES: Please read all of the following policies carefully **BEFORE PURCHASING** your tickets as anyone out of compliance will not be allowed to participate in the prom. No refunds are available for those in violation of the policies.

Tickets:

- Charity Homeschool Members: \$65 per ticket
- Non-Members: \$75 per ticket
- Tickets available until April 20th, or until sold out.
- Tickets must be purchased individually to ensure individual responsibility for agreeing to the policies.
- Homeschool students may bring a non-homeschooled guest who they indicate on their application. The guest must purchase their ticket individually and indicate the homeschooled student whom they will accompany.
- Tickets will not be considered purchased until the electronic Prom Policy is agreed to by both attendee and their parent/guardian and the cost of the ticket is paid in full.
- A waitlist will be available for those who wish to attend after the limit has been reached.
- Due to the nature of the venue, no refunds will be available, unless the event is sold-out and your ticket was able to be sold to somebody on the waitlist.
- Payment is expected at the time of the application submission.
 - A check or cash payment may be arranged with charityhomeschool@gmail.com

Attendance Requirements:

- The Charity Homeschool Prom is open to homeschoolers (and their optional guest) in the Rochester Area between the ages of 13 and 18.
- All tickets sold must be used by a homeschooled student or an approved (by the parents) guest who indicates that they are accompanying a homeschooled student.
- All students must agree to and follow the provided Charity Homeschool Prom 2025 Policies.

Chaperones:

- Most chaperones are approved volunteer members of Charity Homeschool.
- Parents or leaders of other homeschool groups are allowed to inquire about participating as a chaperone.
- Prom chaperones reserve the right to enforce the Charity Homeschool Prom Policies, and participants *and parents* must respect their decisions.

Dancing:

- All dancing should be done in good taste.
- Most dancing should be group dancing, including Co-ed dancing.
- Excessively close dancing is prohibited. *This event is not intended for romantic interactions.*
- If occasionally one on one dancing does take place, hands must remain on shoulders, or respectfully on the waist.
- Dancing will be free of sexually suggestive moves by oneself or with anyone else. Please ask for clarification ahead of time or at the door if it is unclear what this means. Thank you for understanding as we try to make this a safe event for everyone.
- Students must be facing face to face while dancing. *No front to back dancing will be tolerated, regardless of who is involved.*
- Dance moves must keep oneself and others safe.

Music Selection:

- Teens may suggest music in their prom application but all music will be approved by the Charity Homeschool prom committee and members of the Board of Directors. Charity Homeschool will do its best to ensure that music choices are clean and appropriate. There will be secular music played throughout the night. Although we work hard to make appropriate choices, unapproved music may accidentally be played, and is considered beyond our control.
- We ask that parents consider whether this event suits your family's preferences and convictions. Purchasing a ticket to this event implies that families trust Charity Homeschool's choices and judgment of music selection.

Pick-Up/Drop Off:

- A responsible adult should be on premises to check their teen in and out from the prom. If a student drives themselves, this must be indicated ahead of time and approved by a parent. No students will be allowed to leave the building to go to their cars during the event.
- All attire will be checked at the entrance to the venue.
- Anyone who arrives with non-approved wardrobe choices will be given the option to either wait for a parent to bring an approved outfit before they can enter the event or to leave. *No ticket refunds will be given.* Prom chaperones reserve the right to determine what is or is not appropriate.
- Students who do not have permission to drive themselves will not be permitted to leave the building without an approved adult checking them out.

General Information and Conduct:

- Adherence and cooperation to the policies and to chaperone guidance is expected.
- Prom chaperones reserve the right to determine what is or is not appropriate.
- Weaponry/Substances:
 - No alcohol will be allowed or served. Anyone showing signs of substance use before or during the event will be asked to leave immediately.
 - No legal or illegal drug-related substances are allowed.
 - No pocket knives, blades, guns, pepper spray, or items that could be interpreted as dangerous are allowed.
- Culture of Friendship:
 - All attendees are expected to compose themselves in an appropriate manner.
 - Foul or inappropriate language, gestures, or actions are not allowed.
 - Kindness, respect, and inclusion are expected.
 - Hand holding is acceptable.
 - No other forms of public displays of affection outside of respectful dancing and hand-holding are permitted.
 - If any inappropriate behavior or dancing is observed, one warning will be given. If a second offense occurs, the students conducting the offense will be asked to leave and parents called. No ticket refunds will be given.
- No backpacks or large bags are permitted at this event. (Overnight bags may be checked in at the Welcome Table and checked out upon leaving the dance.)
- Students may not leave the building during the event, except to utilize the attached patio.
 - Attendees must go no further than the patio, if utilizing the outdoors.
- No students who leave the event will be permitted to re-enter.
- If a student does not adhere to the stated policies, they will be sent home and not be permitted to participate in Charity Homeschool events in the future.

Dinner:

- Formalwear must remain intact while dinner is served. Gentlemen may remove their jackets.
- Dinner will be served as a buffet. Attendees must use appropriate manners and self-regulation while participating in the formal sit-down meal.
- Please inform Charity Homeschool of any allergies or dietary needs with the purchase of your ticket.

Wardrobe:

- This year's venue is an air-conditioned, upscale location. We ask that attire match the occasion.
- Attendees must wear their formalwear throughout the entire event. Changing into casualwear is not appropriate for the venue or event.
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- A responsible adult should be on premises to check their teen in and out from the prom. They may not leave until their teen's attire has been approved.
- If any wardrobe modifications are intentionally made during the event that do not align with the agreed upon rules, it will be reported to the parent, and may be grounds for immediate expulsion from the event.
- If any apparel is in question, please email pictures of teen wearing garment to show fit to charityhomeschool@gmail.com for feedback in advance.
- LADIES
 - Please choose a dress or gown appropriate for a formal venue.
 - Dresses should be comfortable and allow for movement and modesty.
 - Necklines should keep the entirety of the bust area covered.
 - Spaghetti straps and strapless dresses are acceptable, if fitting appropriately for dancing.
 - Backs of dresses must go up to the bottom of the ribcage or higher.
 - Floor-length gowns are encouraged, but all solid material of the dress must at least touch the top of the knee.
 - Slits are acceptable, but may not go above mid-thigh (finger-tip length).
 - Sides and midriffs must be covered, including cut-outs.
 - Mesh/lace/see-through fabric is allowed however, is not considered an adequate covering for areas that require concealing. Skin colored liner meant to create the illusion of nudity is not acceptable coverage on the areas that require covering.
 - Dresses with cover-ups (coats, shawls, sweaters) and two-piece dresses must follow all of the above guidelines at all times, including while attendee dances or stretches arms upwards.
 - Formal hats and accessories are acceptable.
 - Baseball caps, informal hats, or hats with logos, images, or words are not allowed.
- GENTLEMEN
 - Tuxedos or suits are encouraged.
 - Suit jackets or blazers are not required.
 - Ensure that any designs are formal and appropriate.
 - Formal button-up shirts or nice collared polos are required.
 - T-shirts and shirts with casual print are not allowed.
 - Shirts must remain buttoned to cover any chest or undershirts.
 - Formal dress pants that are fitted at the waist are required.
 - No casual pants, jeans, shorts or holes are allowed.
 - Shoes do not have to be dress shoes but must be closed-toe.
 - Gentlemen may remove their tie once dancing begins.
 - Formal hats and accessories are acceptable.
 - Baseball caps, informal hats, or hats with logos, images, or words are not allowed.