

PROM FAQ

What is PROM? A formal dance given by the juniors to honor the senior class.

What are the details about the event?

April 30, 2022

Juniors 6:20 PM

Seniors 6:40 PM

The event will last until 10:00 PM

Prom is held in our gym and dinner & dessert will be served.

Cost: There is no cost for Prom for BLS Juniors and Seniors. The cost for outside guests or BLS Sophmores is \$60.

Is it a required event? All Ben Lippen Juniors and Seniors are expected to attend.

Are outside guests allowed? Yes. A Ben Lippen Junior or Senior may invite a Ben Lippen sophomore or a non-Ben Lippen guest as long as he/she is at least a sophomore in high school, is not over the age of 19, meets all standards established by Ben Lippen, and has been approved by the high school principal's office. These attendees must purchase tickets (cost \$60) prior to the event. All female students who attend the Junior-Senior Prom must have their dresses approved prior to attendance.

What is the evening's suggested attire? From the 2021-2022 Student Life Handbook:

Formal Dress for Young Ladies

Modest formal or evening dresses may be worn to special events. Strapless and asymmetrical dresses are permitted, but all dresses should meet the following guidelines:

- Formal dresses must be no shorter than 3" off the knee.
- No cleavage is to be seen.
- Dresses should not be too low, too tight, too loose, too transparent, etc.
- Dresses may only have cut-outs (open or covered with transparent material) on the back of the dress near the bra-strap. Fully open-back dresses, cut-outs below the back bra strap, and cut-outs in the side or front of the dress are **not** allowed.

Biological girls wearing dresses that do not conform to the guidelines above may be asked to change before being allowed to participate in the occasion. In order to avoid this, dress approvals are required for formal Ben Lippen social events. A deadline two to three weeks prior to each social event will be announced, and unless prior arrangements are granted, all dresses must be approved before the deadline or a per day fine will be issued.

Formal Dress for Young Men

For formal events, biological boys should wear jackets and ties with dress pants and dress shoes (no athletic shoes, Rainbows, or Sperrys allowed) or a tuxedo. Dark suits or tuxedos are required for the Junior-Senior Prom and Christmas Social. Biological boys are not permitted to have visible piercings or gauges (gages) at formal events.

What are dress approvals? All Ben Lippen young ladies are required to get their dress approved in person by a panel of Ben Lippen female staff and faculty. Please see attached letter for dates and details.

Do students go as dates? Yes, many students go as dates

Do you have to have a date to go? No, you do not need a date to go to Prom; many go as a group of friends

Is there dancing / approved music list? (From the 2021-2022 Student Life Handbook)

Dancing

Modest dancing is allowed at some school functions and is monitored by faculty and parent chaperones. The song list for dancing at school functions must be pre-approved by administration before the event, and deviation from the approved song list by the DJ is not allowed (i.e. no requests outside the pre-approved song list). The DJ must understand Ben Lippen's Christian mission and preferences in dance and music, and a Christian DJ is preferred for all Ben Lippen events. Explicit songs in any genre (whether the explicit or "clean" version), or any songs that promote inappropriate dancing, are not allowed. Inappropriate behavior at a dance will result in appropriate consequence as determined by the administration.

What about after-parties? Ben Lippen does not have any official after-parties.

Security / chaperones? Faculty and staff are chaperones for the entire Prom evening while others will be out in the parking lot for the length of the event. Once students have left the event to go to their vehicle they will not be permitted to return inside. If they do need to retrieve something from their car one of the chaperones will escort them to and from their vehicle.

Who plans this event? The Junior class officers are in charge of this event under the direction of the High School Principal and faculty advisors