

January 12, 2010

Dear Eighth Grade Parents:

We are writing to address two issues regarding upcoming events that your child will be invited to attend this spring at East Cobb Middle School. In order to provide a safe and orderly environment at these events, we will be implementing a behavior expectations plan and a dress code for the Eighth Grade Dance.

This is an important time in the life of your child. We want to reward students who consistently exhibit positive behaviors with spring activities that will provide happy memories of their eighth grade year. Secondly, we want to assure our parents and students that these events will be conducted in a safe, healthy environment. For those reasons, effective Tuesday January 19, we will implement a graduated behavior plan. This plan will prevent students who consistently cause disruption on the bus or during the school day from attending certain eighth grade events. Please refer to the chart below to discuss these behavior expectations with your child.

Number of Office Referrals effective Jan. 19, 2010 until the date of the event	In addition to ISS or OSS, the student will be unable to attend the following eighth grade event:
1 (OSS) or 2 (ISS)	Eighth Grade Field Day 4/23
2 refls (resulting in at least 1 OSS) or 3 refls ISS	Eighth Grade Dance on 5/7
3 refls (resulting in at least 1OSS) or 4 refls ISS	Eighth Grade Picnic/Yearbook Party 5/20

Each year questions arise regarding the dress code for the Eighth Grade Dance. Students are expected to wear tasteful, appropriate clothing to the dance. The primary criterion for appropriate dress is clothing that is age-appropriate and not revealing or suggestive. Young ladies are welcome to wear long dresses as long as the dresses have straps or sleeves, and are covered to the mid-back. We suggest that young men wear at least slacks/khakis with a collared shirt. Jeans or tennis shoes are not permitted. A pre-fashion show will be presented at a later date. **Administration reserves the right to isolate a student during the dance who wears clothing that exhibits a plunging neck line or back, immodest slits or cut-outs, sagging pants or clothes with holes or tears.**

The Eighth Grade Dance is for East Cobb's eighth grade students only!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding these issues. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Leetonia Young, Assistant Principal