



Developmental Research School  
at the University of Florida

### ***PKY STUDENT FORM***

This year’s prom is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 8, 2021 in the courtyard of PK Yonge DRS between the hours of 8:00 PM and midnight. Due to COVID we are limiting this year’s prom to PKY Juniors and Seniors, with a total attendance cap of 150 students. This event is one that students look forward to throughout their high school years. In order to ensure a memorable, enjoyable and safe evening, it is important that firm guidelines governing the conduct of the students before, during, and after the prom are set and adhered to. This letter is our attempt to explain the school’s responsibility in governing student behavior during the prom.

An unfortunate practice among some teenagers today is the use of drugs and alcohol. P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School policy prohibits the possession, sale, transfer or use of alcohol and illegal drugs at school functions, including the prom. Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. We will make every effort to ensure there is no use of drugs or alcohol by anyone at the prom itself. Members of the administration and faculty will be chaperones and will greet all persons as they enter and leave the prom. Police officers will also be on duty for the entire evening assisting us in this matter. Therefore, as a condition of entering the prom with a ticket, the ticketholder consents to a breathalyzer test of sobriety, upon reasonable suspicion by school officials. Ticketholders may be asked to provide proof of identification (driver’s license, state issued identification card, or school identification card) along with the prom ticket for admittance into the event. Students will not be allowed to re-enter the prom if they leave the premises.

Prom attendees are expected to wear formal attire. The administration reserves the right to deny admittance to the prom without refund of the cost of the ticket to anyone inappropriately dressed. Per UF Health, prom participants will be required to wear masks; they may briefly remove their masks for pictures or to take a mask break, if they physically distance themselves.

The administration and faculty of P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School want all prom attendees to experience a good time and have fond memories of this event. We ask you to cooperate with us in the best interest of your child by carefully planning any arrangements made for the entire evening (before and after the prom). We recommend that parents personally contact any limousine or bus company from which their child may be renting a limousine or party bus to inform the owners they are expected to adhere very strictly to the requirements of the laws of the State of Florida concerning providing alcohol or drugs to minors. The prom will conclude at midnight, and it is our sincere wish that if you allow your child to participate in any activities after prom, those activities be organized with safety and responsibility in mind.

*I understand that I must abide by the law and all school rules at all times during this school function. If I cause trouble or engage in any illegal activities, I understand that it will be reported to my school and the local law enforcement, resulting in appropriate disciplinary action. I understand that I take full responsibility for my actions and will be prosecuted for any unlawful activities.*

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(Student Printed Name and Grade)

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(Student Signature)

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(Parent Printed Name)

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(Parent Signature)

**This form must be completed and submitted prior to purchasing a ticket.**