



## *HDA-LHS Formal*

For Hampden DuBose Academy and Legacy High School, the “why” is often more important than the “what” when it comes to student life. For many, events that are schedules are just that, events, but for us there is always a driving factor for every event that we invite the students and parents to attend, and that “why” makes every event purposeful and connected to everything else about HDA-LHS and its worldview.

In a short time, the high school students will be engaged in a time-honored event called the High School Formal. For 75 years, HDA has sponsored formal events that help educate the students and families of the school to have a clear understanding of proper etiquette and Biblical social values and practices. As a school our hope is that through the High School Formal:

Each student will have an opportunity to learn how to Biblically treat those of the opposite gender in a formal/festival or dinner setting. It is our desire that these values will then be translated into other mixed gender events so that every student can feel that he/she has governance over his/her body, time, possessions and other components that bring value to every human being.

Each student will have an opportunity to continue their education in proper manners and etiquette for this type of event.

Further our hope is that these practices will translate from this formal setting to the informal settings of home and family outings. Good manners are always appropriate.

It must be clear that this formal is not “The Prom.” Prom events have traditionally not focused on the above objectives and often there are components of dating, relationships and inappropriate activity that HDA-LHS feel are detrimental to bringing up a child in the way that he/she should go so that when he is old he will not depart from it according to Proverbs 22:6. To this end, the administration and school board of Hampden DuBose Academy and Legacy High school want to clearly state the following:

The foot function and festival style of this event will be no different than any other event that takes place on the Campus or elsewhere and is sponsored by HDA-LHS. No partner dancing will be permitted at this event.

No break out parties will be allowed as a part of this event. All parents are asked not to sponsor any breakout parties or after parties in conjunction with this event for any reason.

Significant parent involvement and attendance is expected at this event, our desire is that this is a family event that is rich in experiences for all of our families and not just the High School aged participants. Your children will greatly benefit by your attendance at this event.

We are looking forward to our annual High School Formal and we are excited about connecting with our families again as we continue to move forward in discovering our place in God’s world together.

