

# Winter Ball Parenting

Read all the strategies described on this handout. Then rank them by putting the letter of your first choice on the line above the **1** below, the letter of your second choice on the line above the **2**, and so on, all the way to **5** for the style that you believe is the least appropriate.

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## Strategy A

The parents should not give their children curfews, or chaperone the ball and the after-ball activities; they also should not ask too many questions before or after the event. Students who get in trouble that night should figure out how to get themselves out of trouble.

## Strategy B

The parents can talk to their children before the ball about concerns they have regarding behavior, but they should not provide a curfew. The students will have to tell their parents what their after-ball plans are and when they will be returning home. The parents should be called if there is trouble; the parents will respond, but there will be no consequences for the students.

## Strategy C

Because the ball will end at midnight, the curfew for the students will be 2 a.m. The parents will provide rides to and from the ball and any after-ball activities. Any after-ball activity must be chaperoned by at least two parents. Any child who breaks one of these rules will be grounded for three weeks.

## Strategy D

The parents can be involved in the preparations for and discussions about the ball, but they should not try to have input into their children's decisions. The parents can chaperone the ball and the after-ball activities, but only to share in the pleasure of the event. Unless someone is going to get killed or is going to hurt someone else, the parents should stay out of the way. The curfew for everyone will be 3 a.m., and the students are free to call their parents to renegotiate the curfew if they are going to be late.

## Strategy E

The parents should talk with their children about how they expect them to behave. The curfew will be 2 a.m. The parents are welcome to drive or chaperone their children. After-ball events must be cleared with the parents. The parents should be called in the event of trouble. They will respond, and there will be consequences for the students. The parents are free to punish their children if they believe that is necessary.