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Prom Policy Change

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Prom is a rite of passage in the high school experience, but as the times change, so do even the most basic traditions. Students in Sweetwater, OK, approached their superintendent Casey Reed about the rule requiring that a student's date be a high school student. The students proposed that the rule be changed to allow a date to be older than high school age. Initially, Mr. Reed was reluctant to revise the rule because often students who bring older dates tend to not participate or fellowship with their classmates and leave early, but he eventually changed his mind due to the amount of seniors with significant others that had already graduated high school.

After much thought Mr. Reed announced that the new rule would require a student's date to be twenty years of age or younger. In order to bring a date older than high school age, the student is required to have a written permission from their parent, and the date must meet with Mr. Reed in person prior to the prom. In addition to these requirements, Mr. Reed received a verbal agreement from the juniors and seniors to stay at the prom until ten o'clock in accordance with his changing the rule. Because Sweetwater High School isn't of great size, broadening the age range a safe amount allows for more participants. When I asked Mr. Reed what ultimately motivated him to change the rule, he replied, "Since I've been superintendent at Sweetwater, I haven't had any problems with our students at prom. Because of their positive actions, I am willing to increase the age limit to try and make our prom better for the students." Sweetwater's prom is scheduled for April 20, 2018.



Track Meet

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On April 9, 2018, the Sweetwater elementary and junior high track team went to Laverne, OK, for a track meet. The following students participated:

- Keithan Hill
- Gavin Simpson
- Fransisco Thomas
- Faith Bryant
- Addy Burckhalter
- Kelsi Johnson
- Rosa Linda Rangel
- Reagan Meacham
- Abby Watson
- Langston Kennedy
- Zeb Seymour
- Cody Torgeson
- Tori Hill
- Alexis Nantz
- Kelly Rangel
- Kyrene Sandlin
- Evelyn Walker

At the meet, two of our students performed well in their areas. Gavin achieved third place in the 100 meter dash, and Fransisco accomplished second place in both shot and discus. I spoke with Coach Bohannon about the track meet, and he said, "It was outstanding." We are very proud of our athletes and invite you to attend our high school track meet in Weatherford, OK, next Tuesday!

