

# GIRLS ASK GUYS TO DANCES: YES OR NO



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**YES**

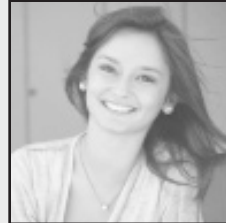
The new generation of the world has rewritten the values of tradition. Boys were always expected to ask girls out to dances and they have been for years. Then at some point, someone realized that girls should have the opportunity to ask boys. This idea changed the tradition of high school dances. There is one school dance where girls are supposed to ask guys. The Sadie's Hawkins dance usually happens during the spring semester of the school year. This high school dance originated from the Lil' Abner comic strip written by Al Capp. Sadie Hawkins was a character in the comic strip that had problems getting boys to ask her to marry her. Her father declared that on one day during the year, the women of the town, Dogpatch, would run around finding a suitable bachelor. If a woman found a man, he would have to marry her. This comic strip debuted a whole different way to ask people to dances. In the amount of the whole year, there are normally about 4 to 5 dances but only one of them, the girl is allowed the right to ask a guy. The dances that happen during the year include Homecoming, MORP, Sadie's, and Prom. It is hard to see why girls aren't allowed to ask guys out to dances any other time of the year. Guys come up with unique ways to ask the girls out to dances but when a guy waits or doesn't know what to do, a girl gets anxious waiting for a guy to ask her and most of the time, it doesn't happen. Instead of putting more pressure on the guy and more anxiety on the girl, she could ask him. If she did it in the correct way, it would be absolutely appropriate without question. The only reason why girls don't do it is because they are scared of rejection. Even if the guy said no, it is his loss and she would probably have more fun without him anyway. Girls shouldn't be scared to ask guys to dances because this is just high school. The best way to go to a dance is to go with a group of friends who will probably not desert you. Girls asking guys to dances is appropriate for any dance and girls shouldn't be afraid to get out there to ask guys. There is no reason for a girl not to ask a guy to a dance if she wants to go. Guys should be flattered when they are asked since they wouldn't be pressured to ask.

## "MAN ON THE STREET"



**Valerie Gomez (9)**  
"I believe girls can ask guys because it's all about the new."

**Nicole Quintero (10)**  
"It's totally OK, if she wants to, who's holding her back from asking a guy."



**MICHAEL WILDS (11)**  
"No. I like the old fashioned way of doing things."

**BROOKLYN NELSON (12)**  
"It's 2012 old traditions aren't really in effect anymore, so why not?"



**MR. MORRISON**  
"I'm an older fellow, and I'm kind of used to the old way, so no."

**MCKENNA SWITZER**  
REPORTER

**No**



Courtship is the term for a man "wooing" a woman he is interested in by requesting permission from the woman's father. Traditionally, girls asking guys to dances is not proper in any sense of the word. In my opinion, the boy should always ask the girl due to the Victorian rules of courtship back when the rates of divorce were not sky rocketing and teen girls with unplanned pregnancy was almost unheard of. Due to the lack of these courtship rules, it has led our society to travel in the way that is has been going for the past fifty years or so. The United States has the highest teen pregnancy average in the world. This was made so by teens not receiving enough love and attention at home leading them to go and search for it another way. Teens are now choosing partners who they can spend a very small amount of time with in order to receive the attention and love that they are longing for. Bringing back the vintage rules of courtship would not only bring down such high rates as pregnancy among teens but also other elements such as divorce rates, sexual transmitted diseases, and abortion rates that are currently costing our country seven billion dollars annually. This decision of courtship is based completely on whether or not a marriage could be a potential aspect of their relationship. If the father declines, the relationship is simply not the appropriate match. If the father accepts, the man and woman will spend time together discussing what their life's plans are, what their interests are, and most importantly, could a marriage work between the two. Due to this old fashioned style of "dating" the couple is spending their time together by getting to know the other person's heart and not what they physically want from a relationship; leading to less unplanned pregnancy, less chance of a divorce, less chance of disease, and the two are not being distracted from who the other person is. Girls asking guys to dances is not a realistic option for girls who are interested in finding the right person to potentially become "serious" with. Instead of girls asking guys to dances, allow for tradition to take place, leading to an overall more fulfilling relationship.

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