



Dear Parents:

Spring Break, prom and graduation are approaching faster than many of us can imagine. It is time to relax and celebrate the 2009 – 2010 school year. We would like to congratulate you for your hard work and dedication to helping your son or daughter achieve their academic goals. We also want to make sure your child enjoys a safe spring.

As stakeholders in your child's future, the Clear Creek Independent School District and local law enforcement agencies would like to share with you some dangers of the season. Spring Break, prom and graduation are times of celebrations, many of which are risk-laden with alcohol use. We know that there are parties where there are drugs and alcohol available. Rarely does a spring go by without the tragedy of a teenage alcohol related accident in the Greater Houston area. The consequences are alarming but also preventable.

**You, as parents, possess the opinion most valued by your child.** We appeal to you to talk with your child about these very real and serious issues. Working together, we as parents, school and community members can combat this problem and create a happier and much safer time for our children.

We also want you to know the law.

**In Texas, it is against the law to make alcohol available to a person younger than 21 (other than your child) even in your own residence, even with their parent's permission. If you break the law:**

- **You face a maximum penalty of one year in jail**
- **A \$4,000 fine**
- **An automatic suspension of your driver's license for 180 days upon conviction.**

You can also be held civilly liable for damages caused by the intoxication of a minor younger than 18 if you knowingly provided alcohol or allowed the minor to be served alcohol on property owned or leased by you, and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves, or damage property.

Let's honor our youth and ensure their safety and their futures by not allowing alcohol to be part of the party. For more information on preventing underage drinking and drug use, visit [www.ccisid.net/alliance](http://www.ccisid.net/alliance). Again, congratulations to you and your child and thank you for your concern in this important matter.

Respectfully yours,

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