



LOWER PIONEER VALLEY  
**CAREER AND TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION CENTER**

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## Prom Cruise 2018

Parent/Guardian of a Career TEC Student

With prom and graduation season upon us, we are approaching a fun and exciting time for students and their families. We are providing this letter to urge you to do all that you can to make it a happy and safe time for your teen. With that being said, your student has expressed interest in attending this year's Career TEC prom. The prom will be a cruise out of

**Charter Oak Landing 50 Reserve Road, Hartford, CT 06114**

**Friday, May 11, 2018, 6:30-10:30 p.m.**

<http://ladykatecruises.com>

The cost per ticket is \$86, which can be payable (cash or check to CTEC Prom) in three installments (Indicated below). There are a limited number of tickets available.

- Non-refundable deposit (\$25) to hold spot: Friday, February 2, 2018
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment (\$30): Friday, March 2, 2018
- Final Payment (\$31): Friday, April 6, 2018

The Career TEC prom is open to all students attending CTEC and a guest. The guest must be in at least 9th grade and 22 years of age or under. Students can purchase a maximum of two (2) tickets. **Limited bus transportation from Career TEC will be available (see back page).**

CTEC Prom is a school-related activity, therefore, the CTEC school handbook rules still apply. Some additional information you and your student should be aware of:

Each year, we lose far too many of our teenagers to motor vehicle crashes, with an increase in alcohol-related traffic fatalities on prom and graduation weekends. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for young adults between the ages of 15-19 and the reality is that many of those deaths are caused by teenage impaired or distracted driving. As a parent or guardian, you have the opportunity to help ensure the safety of your children and others by helping them make the right choices around drinking and driving. You, along with proactive education and the deterrent efforts of law enforcement, are a key component to preventing alcohol-related tragedies.

It is important to stress to your teens that choices they make can have lasting consequences. It is imperative that they understand that using good judgment, especially when it comes to drugs and alcohol, can save lives. Driving after drinking any amount of alcohol or taking any amount of drugs could potentially result in impairment and a driving under the influence offense. For those under the age of 21, driving under the influence in Massachusetts is defined by a 0.02 blood alcohol level or impairment due to alcohol, and among other substances, marijuana,

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narcotic drugs, depressants or stimulants. This blood alcohol or impairment level easily can be reached by just one drink or by taking a small amount of prescription or illegal drugs, and it carries the very serious criminal penalties of an OUI offense.

We have seen first-hand the devastating impact that driving under the influence can have on our students, parents, families, friends and communities, and we urge you to be proactive in preventing teenage impaired and distracted driving. We believe these alternatives will help to discourage drinking and driving without infringing on your child's desire for independence.

Prom is an exciting time and memorable social event for the students who attend. Please choose to be a good decision maker and make this a great evening you'll always remember. Thank you and please contact us with any questions that you may have.

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Prom Committee Advisors

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The purpose of this letter/contract is to make clear all expectations about student behavior at Prom and enlist cooperation of parents in reinforcing these expectations. By signing this letter/contract, I agree to abide by the following rules:

- I understand this is a school function and will follow all school rules.
- I understand that possessing or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs are not allowed, nor is smoking on premises and acknowledge that a substance abuse detection device may be used at this event.
- I will not bring any backpacks, duffel bags, large purses, or outside beverages.
- After Wednesday, April 12, 2017 there will be NO refunds for tickets purchased. In the event you miss the prom due to illness or any other reason, refunds will NOT be provided.

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PRINT Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT Prom Guest Name  Check Box if Guest is a CTEC Student

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Student Signature

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Prom Guest Medical Concerns/Allergies

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Student Emergency Telephone

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Prom Guest Emergency Telephone

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Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature responsible for Prom Guest

As mentioned, limited bus transportation will be available from Career TEC to Hartford. By checking below you are indicating your transportation request, which will be available on a first come basis.

Yes, I need transportation for \_\_\_\_ (#) student(s) to Hartford from CTEC--bus leaves promptly at 5:00 pm

- Yes, I need transportation for \_\_\_\_ (#) student(s) from Hartford to CTEC--Bus returns to CTEC at approximately 11:15pm
- No, I do not need transportation.