

For my co-curricular activity, I chaperoned the Thompson Valley School District prom. I believe that it was beneficial for me to attend the event partly because prom needs chaperones. One of the staff mentioned that they were desperate for chaperones and without adults to supervise prom couldn't take place. I think that prom is a very special night for a lot of students and chaperones have to be there to make that happen.

Another benefit to attending prom was showing up for the students. I believe that students notice when their teachers are there. I saw students go up to some of the chaperones that were teachers and the students looked so happy to see them there and be able to show them their prom outfits and say hello. I was able to see and say hello to two of the students in my art class at Thompson Valley and they seemed happy to see me there. I feel like very often students think that teaching is just a job and teachers are only there because they need a way to make money. Showing up to events like sports games, plays, and dances shows the students that you really care about them and are willing to put in extra effort to be there for them and show support. I think another important reason for chaperones is student safety. I believe that every student deserves to be able to go to school events and feel safe and comfortable. Unfortunately, I saw a girl who was stumbling and appeared to be intoxicated. I went to approach her and at the same time as me, another staff member approached her as well. I talked to the other staff member and made sure she was in good hands. I'm very glad that this was addressed because later I saw her leaving in an ambulance. High School students do not have fully developed brains and it's important to have adults to watch out for anything that could put the students in danger. Without the adult presence there I do not believe that the student would have gotten the medical attention that they needed.

Overall, I think it's important for teachers to show up to out-of-school activities to show support and commitment to their students,