

**From:** [Missouri Department of Transportation](#)  
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**Subject:** Project Prom/Graduation Grant Application  
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**School Information**

Houston High School  
206 W Spruce St  
Houston, Missouri. 65483  
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**Who is hosting the event?**

High School

**Date of event**

2026-04-12

**Please specify which type of event your school is having**

Project Prom

**Please confirm that a lock-in event is occurring after your Graduation/Prom.**

Yes

**Location of event**

Springfield, MO

**Estimated number of students at event**

200

**Does your school have the required roadway safety activity/presentation planned yet?**

In Progress

**Would you be interested in learning about the free roadway safety programs that MoDOT has to offer?**

Yes

**What activities will occur at the event?**

Our after-prom activities will be held immediately after the Houston High School Prom. Students' bags will be checked for prohibited items before loading the bus to the prom venue at the Pinemeadows Event Center in Mountain View, Missouri. Students attending the after-prom event will be brought by district transportation directly to our after-prom event at Classic's Yard in Springfield, Missouri. The activities will be in a reserved, closed environment with Houston staff supervision. The event will be held from 12:00 pm to 3 am, when students will arrive at Houston High School for parents to check out.

At Classic's Yard, students will be able to participate in activities such as pickleball, a golf simulator, cornhole, pool tables, free-throw lanes, ping pong, and other games.

**Clearly state your goal and action plan that will address drivers' safety issues in your school**

Our goal for project-prom is to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted and impaired driving. Our National Honor Society has provided literature to, and helped to raise awareness of, these issues that directly correlate to teen crash rates. We have been instrumental in raising student awareness of these issues, including informing community members about the Siddens-Bening law that prohibits hand-held devices while driving. We hope to end our driver's safety campaign by sponsoring an After-prom event that promotes safe driving habits. On April 10, we will have the roll-over simulator from the Missouri State Highway Patrol and a presentation on the Siddens-Bening law by our SRO, Cathryn Davis.

**Your Contact Information**

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**I agree to send photos/videos of youth engaging in roadway safety programming following the event.\***

Yes