## 2023-2024 **Rimrock**



# Student Handbook

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# We are Rimrock!

## Welcome To Rimrock Junior-Senior High School

The information in this handbook has been carefully prepared to help you succeed in school. We are proud of the quality of education we offer here at Rimrock. Our aim is that each and every one of you learn and develop as future citizens and leaders in our community and nation. Our purpose is to facilitate the educational and extracurricular opportunities that will prepare you to be positive contributors to society. If you conduct yourself with integrity, treat everyone with respect, and strive to deliver your best effort, you will be successful here. Remember that YOU are ultimately responsible for the education you receive. What you put into your time at school will determine what you get out of it. Our sincere hope is that you learn enthusiastically while also enjoying your Rimrock experience.

## **Bruneau/Grand View School District Mission**

The Bruneau/Grand View School District provides a high quality education preparing students for futures that enable them to be positive contributors to society.

## **Bruneau/Grand View School District Vision**

Our learners are capable, confident, and embrace learning.

## **Student Expectations**

- **1.** Integrity we do what is right . . . every time, all the time
- **2. Respect** we honor the dignity and value of every person (students, staff, community)
- 3. Effort we strive to be our best in everything we do

## **RIMROCK CALENDAR 2023-2024 Bruneau/Grand View School District #365**

New Teacher OrientationAugust 10, 14-15		
Teacher/Staff ReportAugust 16-18		
1 <sup>st</sup> Student Day (K-12)August 21		
Labor Day Holiday (No School)September 4		
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> QuarterOctober 12		
Parent/Teacher ConferencesOctober 16		
Thanksgiving Break November 17-26		
School ResumesNovember 27		
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> SemesterDecember 21		
Christmas BreakDecember 22-January 7		
School ResumesJanuary 8		
End of 3rd QuarterMarch 14		
Parent Teacher ConferencesMarch 19		
Spring BreakMarch 22-31		
School ResumesApril 1		
Last School Day For SeniorsMay 22		
Last Student Day (K-11)May 23		
Last Day For TeachersMay 24		
Rimrock GraduationMay 25		

## **ACADEMICS**

## **High School Graduation Requirements**

Students graduating from Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School must complete courses prescribed by the Idaho State Board of Education and by the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 365. Graduation requirements for Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School are as follows:

- Eight (8) semesters of full-time enrollment (enrolled in and attending classes) are required for graduation, unless a petition is filed with the board for early graduation.
- 46 credits are required for graduation.
- A proficient Senior Project with a written report and oral presentation.
- All students must take the ACT or SAT exam before the end of their junior year.
- Demonstration of state civics and government standards by successfully completing Civics Test.
- Students who have retaken a course and wish for the grade from the repeated course to be used in GPA calculation must submit a request for change of grade to the Counselor.

SUBJECT AREA	CREDITS
Language Arts English Speech	8 1 Total Credits = 9
Mathematics	
Students must earn a 70% or better in order to receive credit and enroll in the next level of math.	Total Credits = 6
Science Lab Science (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics) Lab or Non-Lab Science	4 2 Total Credits = 6
Social Studies U.S. Government Economics U.S. History	2 1 2 Total Credits = 5
Physical Education	Credits = 1
Health	Credits = 1
Humanities	Credits = 2
Computer Applications	Credits = 2
Personal Finance	Credits = 1
Elective Courses	Credits = 13
Graduation Credits	Total Credits = 46

## **Graduation Ceremony Participation**

In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, all State of Idaho and School District #365 requirements must be completed satisfactorily not later than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date for graduation (excepting 8th semester credits).

When determining Honor Graduate status, 7th semester transcripts will be used. A cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or above at the end of the seventh semester is necessary to qualify. If at any time the overall GPA disqualifies the student's status, the honor will be removed and given to the next qualified student.

## **Grade Promotion**

Refer to District Policy 2046.

Rimrock students in grades 9-12 must pass all core subject areas for the year, including Mathematics, English, Science, and Social Studies. Also, all students must have earned enough credits to be promoted to the next grade classification. (Students must earn a 70% or better in order to receive credit and enroll in the next level of math.)

Freshmen Classification = Students who have 0 to 13 H.S. credits Sophomore Classification = Passed all core subjects and have earned more than 13 total H.S. credits Junior Classification = Passed all core subjects and have earned more than 26 total H.S. credits Senior Classification = Passed all core subjects and have earned more than 39 total H.S. credits

Students who fail any core subject will be required to forfeit an elective, attend summer school to makeup the lost credit, or pass an administrator-assigned equivalent course of study. Students not promoted will be required to attend class meetings and functions according to their grade classification.

All Junior High students (Grades 6, 7 & 8) must pass 80% of their attempted courses and cannot fail any semesters of a yearlong course. Failing a semester of a yearlong course will require the student to make-up the failed semester by either re-taking it in place of an elective, attend summer school to make-up the lost credit, or pass an administrator-assigned equivalent course of study. Year-long courses include: English. Math, Science, and Social Studies

## **Attendance**

The laws of the State of Idaho require all youth to attend school regularly until the age of sixteen (16). Refer to Policy 702/\*3050 - It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to aid school authorities in enforcing this policy.

All students (Grades 6-12) in School District #365 shall be in attendance for at least 90% of the instructional time that a subject is being taught, as established by the Board of Trustees. Responsibility for student compliance with the above regulation rests with the parent or guardian. **Students who fail to fulfill attendance requirements in a class have not earned a credit.** A student will not meet their 90% when they receive their 7<sup>th</sup> absence in a class.

\*(Indexing in Process 702 to 3050)

Students may be referred to the Idaho Transportation Department for suspension of student's driving privileges for failure to meet attendance requirements of the district per Idaho Code 49-303. Parents of students with more than 10% absences may be referred to the Owyhee County Court.

#### **Tardies**

A tardy occurs when a student is late to any class. When a student receives a 3rd tardy in a class <u>during</u> the semester, that student will receive a detention. Every 3rd tardy in that class thereafter will result in another detention. If a student incurs a detention as a result of tardies; more than three (3) times in a semester, additional consequences may be administered. A student's tardy count will reset at the end of each semester. Any student more than 10 minutes late to class after the tardy bell will be counted as absent.

#### **Types of Absences**

The following list identifies the types of absences recognized by Rimrock within PowerSchool. The code associated to each type of absence is identified in parentheses.

- 1. Absent (A) is the generic recording of an absence whenever a student is identified by a teacher or staff member as not present in their assigned class, and there is no information provided concerning the reason for the student's absence. An "Absent" (A) may later be changed to one of the below types based on information provided to the Rimrock secretary or administration. However, <u>any absences that remain coded as an "A" at the end of the semester DO count against the student's attendance record.</u>
- 2. School Release (S) is an excused absence, primarily used for approved school activities such as athletics, music, field trips. The student is released from individual classes in accordance with the approved schedule for the designated activity. It is the responsibility of the student to make up the work. School Release absences DO NOT count against a student's attendance record.

School Release may also be designated at the sole discretion of the school administration (Superintendent or Principal) to accommodate the following exceptional circumstances:

- a. National or International Activities: Travel for events associated with continuing competition or formal extracurricular educational opportunities may be designated as School Release if coordinated in advance and verified by appropriate documentation.
- b. Court appearances: State-mandated appearances may be designated as School Release if verified by official documentation.
- c. Bereavement: Up to four (4) days for a member of the immediate family (father, mother, brother, sister, grandparents) may be approved with appropriate verification.
- d. Religious Observances: When participation is required and can be verified by an appropriate church official or document.
- Medically Excused (M) is an excused absence. <u>A note (written or email) from a doctor or parent is necessary, and must state the dates(s), illness, and type of care.</u> Medical notes (doctor or parent) must be turned in no later than 2 weeks after the occurrence. <u>Medically excused absences DO NOT count against a student's attendance record.</u>
- 4. Suspension Inside-School (I) or Outside-School (O) is an excused absence designated when a student has been suspended at the direction of school administration. Suspensions DO NOT count against a student's attendance record.

- 5. Parent/Guardian Call In (G) is an unexcused absence with the permission of a parent for nonschool activities. A phone call, email, or written note from the parents verifying the student's absence must be submitted to the attendance clerk, regardless of whether the student is 18 years of age. Making up missed work is the sole responsibility of the student. <u>Parent/Guardian Excused</u> <u>Absences DO count against the student's attendance record</u>.
- 6. Unexcused Absences (U) are recorded when it has been verified by the school with the parent that the students have no valid reason to absent from class. An Unexcused Absence (U) will also be recorded when a student is determined to be truant (see "Truancy" below). <u>All unexcused absences</u> <u>DO count against the student's attendance record.</u>

The below table summarizes which attendance codes count as Excused and Unexcused for the purposes of a student's overall attendance rate:

Excused	Unexcused
<ul> <li>School Release (S)</li> <li>Medically Excused (M)</li> <li>Inside-School Suspension (I)</li> <li>Outside-School Suspension (O)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Absent (A)</li> <li>Parent/Guardian Call In (G)</li> <li>Unexcused Absence (U)</li> </ul>

#### Petitioning for Credit

Students with unexcused absences (attendance codes 'A', 'G', or 'U') for more than 10% of the instructional days and/or periods in a subject matter area within a semester must file an appeal for consideration to receive credit for that semester. **If an appeal is not filed, the student will automatically lose credit.** 

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and student to be aware of their absences and, if necessary, pick up an appeal form in the office for each class for which they are petitioning. All absences and the reason for each absence must be clearly identified on the petition. An attendance committee will review petitions and determine if credit will be granted or denied. If a credit is denied, the student has the option of appealing the decision to the Board of Trustees.

#### **Truancy**

Truancy occurs when:

- 1. A student leaves the school campus without permission
- 2. Does not report for class or leaves during their class without permission, after boarding a bus or reporting to school
- 3. When a student is absent from school without the knowledge and permission of parents or school authorities,
- 4. When a student has excessive unexcused absences.

**In all cases of truancy, the parents will be notified immediately** and a conference will be arranged by the Principal or Counselor. In the event of a second truancy the student may be suspended until proper agreements for resolving the cause for truancy can be implemented. A third truancy will make the student liable for action leading to expulsion from school. In case of continued absence of a student who is subject to compulsory attendance laws, and which is determined by the principal as truant, the Principal shall make a referral of the case to the probate court. A copy of the referral shall be submitted to the Superintendent.

#### Making Up Missed Work

When a student is absent from school, the student is expected to make-up missed work. <u>When the</u> <u>absence is excused</u> (School Release, Medically Excused, Suspensions), a time limit of **ONE** additional class session (after the student's return) for each day absent is allowed to hand in make-up work, unless otherwise arranged with the teacher. If the absence is unexcused there is no requirement for teachers to provide extensions for missed work.

Make-up work is the student's responsibility, NOT the teachers. Students are expected to inquire with their teachers as to any work they will miss or have missed. However, <u>missed work is only required to</u> <u>be provided by the teacher upon return of the student, not ahead of time</u>. Teachers are not required to make work available in advance or online if students are absent.

## **Miscellaneous Academic Information**

#### **Counseling Services**

Rimrock has a Guidance Counselor assigned, who is available to help students with course decisions and scheduling. Once a semester has started, schedule changes can only be made to adjust an overbooked schedule or resolve a technical error. The Guidance Counselor can also assist students with educational planning, give students career and occupational information, and help students interpret test scores or provide study help. See the Guidance Counselor for the proper forms and procedures for any changes.

#### Withdrawal from School

If it becomes necessary for a student to withdraw from school, he/she must have written permission from his/her parents, all school materials must be checked in, and all outstanding bills must be paid to the school at the school office.

#### **Grade Reporting**

Grades are reported four times a year (at the end of each quarter). Student progress may be monitored by accessing PowerSchool on-line. Contact the office to gain access. Report cards may be picked up by parents at parent-teacher conferences at the end of the 1st and 3rd quarters. They will be mailed out at the end of the 1st and 2nd semesters.

#### Semester Exams

All students are required to take semester exams for their classes if assigned by the teacher. Failure to take a semester exam will result in an incomplete on the student's transcript.

#### **Online Learning Classes (IDLA)**

Online Learning Classes provide opportunities for students to take advanced classes or to make-up lost credits. This is a privilege, and requires the student to be self-motivated to complete all assignments. Students must have a Fast Forward permission on file to be eligible to use Fast Forward funds. Parent email is required to register and students must use their school email address. If a student fails a course offered outside of the regular school day, the family may be asked to pay for succeeding classes the student takes outside of the regular school day. See Policy 2395 for more details.

Students are not permitted to enroll in an IDLA class during the school year if Rimrock already offers the equivalent course in-person. Exceptions must be specifically approved by school administration in accordance with Policy 2395.

#### Academic Integrity

Violations of academic integrity (cheating) are not an acceptable behavior at Rimrock Jr/Sr High School. This includes (but is not limited to) the following:

- Copying work from other students / allowing other students to copy your work
- Uncited copying of material from external sources (internet, articles, books)
- Representing the work of others as your own
- Any attempt, successful or not, to obtain an assessment (test/quiz) without teacher permission
- Any attempt, successful or not, to obtain answers to an assessment without teacher permission (e.g., test key, teacher copy, or online)
- Reusing or submitting work from prior classes
- Any use of artificial intelligence generator or software to produce content submitted as the student's own work for an assignment

Students involved in violations of academic integrity may be given a 'zero' (no points) for the assignment or test. If a 'zero' is assigned, a parent/guardian will be notified by the teacher in writing (email) or by phone. Students may also face additional disciplinary action depending on the severity of the offense.

#### **Records Policy**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act establishes the right of parents to have access to their child's school records. Release forms should be obtained from the office and signed before the student checks out of Rimrock Jr/Sr High School.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE**

#### Fees

Fees are due and payable at the time of enrollment. All unpaid bills or charges will result in the holding of student transcripts, report cards, or diplomas until the unpaid balance is cleared in the office. Any student owing fees from the previous school year will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities or organizations where a fee is charged until all past due bills are paid. The school will work with parents to make arrangements for payment if necessary.

Activity Card \$30 - Purchase of an activity card allows the student to attend all home sports events admission free. All students participating in sports activities are required to have an activity card.

**Sports Participation Fee -** A participation fee of \$25 per junior high sport or \$50 per high school sport will be assessed for each athlete. This fee will be due and payable prior to the athlete's participation in the first regularly scheduled game.

Yearbook – Price of student yearbook will be set annually; purchase is optional.

**Professional Technical Class Fees** – Fees will only be charged for projects that the student will take home, and the fee will be equal to the cost of materials.

**Lunch:** It is the responsibility of the student/parent to maintain a positive balance in the lunch account. Lunch accounts are maintained by Food Services. See Fee Schedule for current prices.

**Optional Fees**: Student insurance, class rings, announcements, school jackets and pictures may be purchased through outside entities that come to the school, but these are optional purchases and are not required. The school does not handle any of the money or ordering of these purchases.

## **Locker Regulations**

In order to ensure that each student has a locker that is in good working order and reliable, certain rules will be followed. These rules include: (1) All District Policy must be adhered to, (2) Do not change lockers, (3) The school will provide locks at student's request, (4) All locks must be approved by school officials for student safety. Students will be asked to remove unapproved locks. If the student refuses, the lock will be cut off. Students will be charged \$5.00 for lost locks.

Lockers are the property of the school board. They are subject to inspection and search by school officials. Local law enforcement authority will be notified if a student has possession of any material prohibited by federal, state or local law.

## **Student Parking & Vehicles**

It is a privilege to drive a personal vehicle to school. That privilege can be revoked if abused. All vehicles that students drive to school must be registered in the office. To register, students MUST provide proof of registration, proof of insurance, and a valid driver's license to the office secretary. Documents must only be shown (no copies will be made of the information). Students are to park their cars in the east parking lot, perpendicular to the curb. The administration may issue parking citations (**\$20**) for parking violations.

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Once a student arrives and parks his or her car, it is to be left parked until the dismissal of school, unless otherwise arranged with school administration. Students are not to be in the parking lot or at their cars at any point during the school day unless explicitly given permission by school administration.

Reckless driving will result in the suspension of driving privileges, and may be referred to law enforcement. The Sheriff's Office may be requested to impound a vehicle if a student demonstrates continual disregard for safe driving behavior and/or parks his/her vehicle in an unauthorized location.

#### **Closed Campus**

**Rimrock High School is operated as a closed campus**. This means that once a student arrives on campus, he/she is not to leave before school is dismissed for the day. If it is necessary for a student to leave prior to the end of school, that student is to check out with school administration or the front office before leaving. Parent approval must be obtained prior to checking out. Failure to check out constitutes truancy.

#### Miscellaneous Administrative Guidance

#### **Telephone**

A telephone is located on the office counter for student use between classes, during lunch, and in an emergency. Telephone calls will not be transferred to classrooms during class time unless it is an emergency. <u>Students will not be called to the office to take a phone call.</u> A message will be given to the student and the student may return the call between classes or at lunch.

#### <u>Use of Gymnasium</u>

The gymnasium is not to be used by students unless a staff member or designee is in charge of the group. Students will not wear street shoes on the gym floor. Use of the weight room requires direct staff supervision.

#### **Administering Medication**

The board will permit the administration of medication to students in schools in its jurisdiction. Pursuant to the written authorization of a physician or dentist, as well as the written authorization of a parent or guardian, the school may administer medication to any student in the school or may delegate this task pursuant to Idaho Law.

Any medication taken during school hours <u>must</u> be kept in the office to be distributed by school designee. As vehicles parked on school property are within the scope of school supervision, medication cannot be kept in the vehicles.

#### **Fire Alarms**

In the event of a fire or a fire drill, the alarm will ring continuously. As soon as the alarm sounds, the students are to leave by the exit designated for the room they are in. Students should leave their belongings where they are and NOT STOP to pick up anything. Students should not run or loiter for any reason. Students must stay with their class. Before leaving the room, teachers should make sure that all doors and windows are closed. Refer to District Policy 8320 for additional details.

#### Lockdown Alarms

In the event of a crisis requiring lockdown, students and staff may hear either the lockdown alarm system (loud beeping and blue lights) or air horns as a signal to enter lockdown. Rimrock adheres to the Idaho Office of School Safety & Security framework for lockdowns, which consists of the following steps:

- 1) Move intentionally relocate to a place in the building that can be made safe
- 2) Secure secure the space using available resources, such as locked doors, Nightlock devices, and barricades
- 3) **Defend** mentally and physical prepare to defend yourself in the event an intruder breaches your secure space

#### Student Release

When a parent takes a student from school during school hours, the student must be checked out through the office. Students who leave the school grounds for any reason during the school day must check out with the office prior to leaving. Failure to do so will be counted as a truancy.

#### **Work Release**

Seniors qualifying for Work Release can be released as long as they meet all requisite class hours and graduation requirements. Work Release will begin <u>during the first two weeks of a semester</u> ONLY. A Work Release form must be completed and on file with the principal <u>before</u> work release can be granted. Please see the Counselor for more information.

Students on work release must print their grade checks and submit to the front office <u>every week</u> by Tuesday. Pay stubs demonstrating students' continued employment must also be submitted monthly. All students on work release must maintain at least a 70% grade in each enrolled class each week, or they will not be excused for release until which time they can show evidence of having met the grade requirement. <u>Students on work release must remain at the school through the completion of 4th period.</u>

## **STUDENT BEHAVIOR**

## **Dress and Appearance**

- 1. Students are expected to dress appropriately for school. Clothing should not distract from the learning environment. <u>School administration has final discretion regarding whether a student's dress and appearance are appropriate.</u>
- 2. Articles of clothing promoting, displaying, or referencing drugs, alcohol, tobacco, hate groups, racism, gangs, nudity, or sexual behavior are unacceptable.
- 3. Clothing must not expose undergarments or be excessively revealing. Crop tops, spaghetti straps, and low-cut, sheer, and backless/strapless shirts are all prohibited. All shirts must have a minimum of a 2" strap over the shoulder.
- 4. No skin may show in the midriff area or above mid-thigh (measured from the hip bone to the knee). This includes any holes in pants, slits in skirts, or athletic shorts (Note: Athletic shorts worn only during Physical Education classes or after school for athletic practices are exempted). Tights or leggings may be worn, provided skin and undergarments are not visible.
- 5. Students will not wear head coverings of any kind (hats, bandanas, hoods, etc.) in the school during the school day (from the time students enter into the school until the final bell dismissing students from class). Exceptions for religious purposes must be approved by administration.
- 6. No sunglasses will be worn in the building unless there is a medical reason.
- 7. Blankets may not be worn in school.

## **Personal Electronic Devices**

Refer to District Policy 3998.

Personal electronic devices are not to be used during class time. Personal electronic devices include (but are not limited to) phones, smartwatches, headphones/air-pods, personal computers, tablets, cameras, and video or audio recording devices (see policy for complete list). <u>If a student uses any personal electronic device during class time (to include in the halls or bathroom), the student will be asked to surrender the device and disciplinary action may be taken.</u> The device will be kept in the front office to be returned to the student's parent or guardian – NOT the student. Students who refuse to surrender their device will be taken to the office and assigned an appropriate disciplinary consequence for insubordination.

Rimrock students may only use personal electronic devices on school property at the following times:

- Before school until the beginning of the school day (as indicated by the first bell)
- Between classes
- During breakfast or lunch
- After school, as signaled by the last bell of the day

## Food & Drink

Food and drink prepared by the school for breakfast and lunch are to be consumed in the cafeteria.

Students may have drinks in the classroom if it is in a container with a lid (no cans or open cups in classrooms).

Teacher's may, at their discretion, permit food (snacks) in their classrooms as a privilege. Food may be consumed in classrooms <u>only with explicit teacher permission</u> (it is the student's responsibility to ensure

they have permission before eating). Teachers may designate the timing of food consumption in class, and may withdraw this privilege at any time and for any reason. Any disruption to the learning process resulting from consumption of snacks in classes, or any messes resulting from students not cleaning up after themselves, will result in disciplinary action.

## **Backpacks**

Backpacks are not permitted in classrooms or in the halls. Backpacks may be placed in lockers only. Any backpack left in a classroom or hallway may be taken to the office and subject to search for the purposes of maintaining student safety and identifying the owner.

## Hall & Bathroom Passes

During scheduled class periods, students are expected to be in their assigned classroom. If for any reason a student has to leave the classroom, they must receive permission from their teacher and carry a valid hall pass from their teacher. <u>A student in the hall without a valid hall pass will face disciplinary action</u>. Teachers have discretion in granting hall passes, and may refuse or delay permitting students to leave the classroom for any reason other than an emergency.

## **Appropriate Physical Contact**

Students are to refrain from engaging in inappropriate physical contact with other students at all times and locations on school premises. This includes, but is not limited to, any public displays of affection (kissing, holding hands, cuddling, extended embraces, massages, or any other sexual or intimate contact), as well as horseplay, pushing, shoving, kicking, or intentionally bumping into each other.

## Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Cyber Bullying, and Menacing

Refer to District Policy 3295.

Hazing, harassment, intimidation, cyber bullying, or bullying by students or third parties is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated. This includes actions on school grounds, school property, school buses, at school bus stops, at school sponsored events and activities, and through use of electronic technology or electronic communication equipment on school computers, networks, forums, or mailing lists. Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline and graduated consequences, up to and including expulsion.

## **Possession/Use of Dangerous Items**

Refer to District Policy 3330.

Federal law and school policy prohibit bringing to school any items which are dangerous to students or staff. Guns, knives, explosives, and chemicals are examples of dangerous items which must not be brought to school. Guns are also prohibited by law from student vehicles parked on school grounds, regardless of whether the vehicle is locked.

## **STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

Refer to District Policy 3330.

Discipline will be administered in a graduated manner, meaning that if students repeatedly violate school and classroom expectations, disciplinary consequences will escalate in severity. School staff may issue disciplinary consequences based on student misconduct anywhere on school premises or whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to school activities.

All disciplinary consequences will be documented in PowerSchool. School staff will develop internal processes to facilitate communication and tracking of misconduct and consequences. Student misconduct may also be referred to school administration depending on the severity of the behavior.

Reference <u>Appendix B</u> for the Rimrock Discipline Matrix. Note that this matrix is not intended to comprehensively address all potential student misconduct. Rather, it outlines a range of consequences for frequent or serious misconduct. Actual consequences will depend on the facts and circumstances of the specific student misconduct.

## **Detention**

Students issued detentions may be required to serve detentions during lunch or after school. Parents of Junior High students shall be contacted by the staff member issuing the detention within 48 hours after the detention is issued. High school students issued detentions are responsible for notifying parents, unless the detention is a consequence of significant or repetitive misconduct, in which cases the issuing staff member will make contact with parents about the student's behavior.

Parents and students are responsible for making transportation arrangements for students assigned to after school detention. If there are extenuating circumstances requiring a student to delay serving detention, the parent must make contact with school administration or the front office BEFORE the detention period to coordinate an alternative date and time for their student to serve detention.

Any student who misses an assigned detention without prior coordination will be issued a half (1/2) day In-School Suspension (ISS), and will be ineligible for extracurricular activities the following day.

## **In-School Suspension (ISS)**

The Superintendent or Principal may issue ISS to students when the appropriate consequence for a behavior exceeds that of a detention, but does not necessarily warrant an outside-of-school suspension. ISS will be served in one of the front office ISS rooms adjacent to the principal's office. The student must request work from teachers for missed classes, and will be expected to complete their assigned or missing work. Students will also forfeit their personal electronic devices for the duration of the time they are assigned to ISS.

## **Outside-School Suspension (OSS)**

The Superintendent or Principal shall have the right to suspend a student when they determine such action is necessary to maintain orderly conduct or to maintain the safety and well-being of the student, other students, or employees. A suspended student may not attend any school related functions during the suspension. <u>Missed work will be provided upon return of the student – not ahead of time</u>.

## **Expulsion**

Expulsion is the prohibition from school attendance and school activities for a substantially longer period of time than suspension. Expulsion by statute is vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees. Students who have been expelled may not attend any activities on Bruneau-Grand View school properties.

It is generally accepted that a pupil may be expelled for continually refusing to obey reasonable rules. Idaho Law provides for denial of school attendance in Idaho Code, Section 33-205. "The Board of Trustees may deny attendance at any of its schools, by suspension or expulsion, to any pupil who is a habitual truant or who is incorrigible, or whose conduct in the judgment of the Board, is such as to be continuously disruptive of school discipline, or of the instructional effectiveness of the school. Any pupil having been suspended or expelled may be readmitted to the school by the Board of Trustees. This readmission shall not prevent the Board of Trustees from again suspending or expelling such pupil for cause."

## Search and Seizure

The concept of "reasonable suspicion" as it applies to student searches is outlined in *New Jersey vs. T.L.O. (1985)*, and allows student searches by school officials if the officials have information that leads them to believe that a student has broken the law or school policy, and that the search will yield evidence of a violation. A person, locker, vehicle or any other place of concealment on school grounds may be searched if reasonable suspicion exists to believe that evidence of a violation of the law or a school policy is contained therein.

School property, such as lockers and desks, are jointly held by the school and the students. School authorities have the right to conduct a general inspection of all such property on a regular basis. During these inspections, items that are school property may be collected. Students have no expectation of privacy in such locations.

Illegal items (e.g., weapons, drugs, paraphernalia, etc.) or other possessions reasonably determined by school administration to be a threat to student safety and security may be seized by school officials. All illegal items will be turned over to law enforcement for disposition.

Other items that may be used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process may be temporarily removed from a student's possession by a staff member. Such items may be returned to the student or a parent/guardian at the end of the school day.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

#### <u>Advisors</u>

All student clubs and organizations must have an advisor. Advisors must be aware of all organizational activities and approve them prior to students starting the activity. Advisors/designees must be present with all student activities and not leave students unattended while they complete decorating, running concession stands, fundraising, etc.

#### **Fundraising**

An organization must have completed, submitted, and received the Principal's and Advisor's signature for approval on the Fundraising Request Form before starting the fundraising activity. Fundraising activities should provide a product or a service and not just be a request for donation of money. Fundraising will be a calendared event that is coordinated with other classes and school administration before scheduling. All requests for fundraising must be submitted to the principal at least two (2) days in advance.

#### Purchases

When a class or organization finds it necessary to make purchases outside of the school, a requisition form must be obtained from the office and signed by the Secretary and Principal. If the request is brought to the office by a student, it must be signed by the Advisor. <u>Permission for purchases must be given</u> <u>prior to the item(s) being bought</u>. No bills are honored by the school unless a purchase order is attached to the bill. Items may not be purchased and the cost taken out of the profit of the fundraiser before turning the fund-raising money into the office.

## **Extracurricular Eligibility**

Refer to District Policy 3059.

To be eligible for extracurricular activities, students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and be passing all classes (NOTE: 70% is considered passing for Math classes per District Policy 2047). If a student's GPA is lower than a 2.0 OR the student has any failing grades, that student will be ineligible for the following week. The student will have one week to raise the grade(s).

For students who are homeschooled or enrolled in an approved special education program, refer to Policy 3059 for additional details.

Grade checks will be conducted weekly. The process for grade checks will be determined by school administration and the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will maintain an accurate record of every participant during any given season/activity. The Athletic Director will notify the student and the student's parent/guardian when a student is deemed ineligible.

Ineligibility will be for a period of one week (until the next grade check). The student will remain ineligible until the grade(s) allow him/her to resume participation in the extracurricular activity. During the week of ineligibility, the student can practice, but will not be able to participate in any game or travel with the team.

If a student is ineligible for 3 weeks or 25% of the season (whichever is greater) for a particular extracurricular activity, the student will be deemed ineligible for the remainder of the season, and will not be able to participate in any extracurricular activity until his/her grades meet the eligibility requirement.

If a student receives a failing grade in any class as a semester grade, that student will be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity the first four weeks of following marking period and must have a GPA of 2.0 in order to be eligible. If the student does not meet the GPA requirement for reinstatement, the student will remain ineligible until the next grade check at the end of the marking period (quarter). Students who fail at the end of the school year may attend and successfully complete summer school to have their eligibility reinstated. If a student does not attend or successfully complete summer school, then he/she will be ineligible for the first four weeks of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the next school year, and must have a GPA of 2.0 in order to be eligible. If the student does not meet the GPA for reinstatement, the student will remain ineligible until the next grade check after the end of the next school year.

IHSAA (Idaho High School Activity Association) eligibility is determined by semester. According to IHSAA Rule 8, students must pass five classes and have a GPA higher than 2.0 to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. If a student fails to meet one or both of the requirements, that student is ineligible for the following semester. All students participating in IHSAA extracurricular activities are also subject to Mandatory Drug Testing in accordance with District Policy 710 / 3400\*.

No refund of athletic participation fees will be permitted for violation of the eligibility policy

## **Athletic Eligibility**

Because of the unique position of leadership accorded athletes by their participation in sports, they are expected, as representatives of the school and the community, to adhere to the code delineated in District Policy 3070. Excerpts from this code are listed below:

- Athletes must maintain a high moral character.
- Athletes must at all times accept responsibility for their conduct.
- Athletes must maintain Eligibility in accordance to the District Eligibility Policy
- An athlete is responsible for all school-owned equipment he/she is issued.
- An athlete must be in attendance all day on the day of an event and/or practice in order to participate on that day. The only exception is for emergency medical matters (unless pre-approval is received from school administration).
- An athlete <u>must attend practice</u> unless excused due to doctor's orders.
- Suspension from school automatically excludes the athlete from team activities for the entire period of the school suspension.

All students connected with athletics are expected to follow the above policies. This includes managers, statisticians, and cheerleaders.

**Student behavior during school affects their eligibility for athletics.** <u>Athletic participation is a privilege</u>. If a student's conduct is not consistent with maintaining a high moral character and accepting responsibility for their conduct, they may be rendered ineligible at the discretion of the Coach, Athletic Director, or school administration.

If a student is assigned to after school detention as a consequence for behavior, the detention will take precedence over athletic practice and competition. If a student receives ISS or OSS as a consequence, they will be ineligible for athletic practice or competition for the duration of the suspension.

\*(Indexing in Process 710 to 3400)

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## Athlete & Spectator Expectations (Sportsmanship)

Sportsmanship is defined by the IHSAA as "those qualities of behavior that are characterized by generosity, respect, and genuine concern for others."

Students-athletes, coaches, and parents/guardians are expected to demonstrate the highest level of respect for each other, opponents, coaches, teachers, officials, spectators, and the community. <u>Any person, including an adult, who behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner during an athletic or extracurricular event, may be ejected from the event by designated school administration</u>. Students who display poor sportsmanship while either watching or playing a game may also be subject to disciplinary action.

In addition to the requirements for eligibility, student-athletes are expected to behave in accordance with the following expectations:

- Be on the field or court, fully ready to participate at the scheduled start time for all practices and games.
- Exhibit dignity in winning and losing.
- Show respect to others at all times, including: no profanity, vulgarity, obscene gestures, negative signs, artificial noisemakers, trash talking, sexually-related comments, taunting, and/or boastful celebrations that would demean others.
- Treat game officials with respect. Do not argue calls during or after athletic events.
- Exercise self-control. No fighting or excessive displays of anger or frustration.
- Avoid improper gamesmanship that violates the highest traditions of sportsmanship.
- Dress neatly for home and away games as designated by the Coach.
- Be neat, clean and socially presentable at all times

All spectators (parents/guardians, families, and students) in attendance at Rimrock athletic or extracurricular events are also expected to behave in accordance with the following expectations:

- Exhibit dignity in winning and losing.
- Show respect to others at all times, including: no profanity, vulgarity, obscene gestures, negative signs, artificial noisemakers, trash talking, sexually-related comments, taunting, and/or boastful celebrations that would demean others.
- Treat game officials with respect. Do not argue calls during or after athletic events.
- Exercise self-control. No fighting or displays of anger or frustration.
- Demonstrate positive cheering only.
- Communicate with coaches about their child only regarding student-athlete behavior concerns, student-athlete academic concerns, ways to help their student-athlete improve, or what they can do to help support the program.
- NOT confront coaches regarding playing time, team strategy, play-calling, coaching style, other student-athletes' abilities and conduct, or any other confrontational issues.

Rimrock students attending school athletic events are expected to remain at the game and support the Raiders; they are not permitted to leave and re-enter the building, or go to other parts of the campus without supervision.

## **School Social Events**

School events are normally held only for Rimrock students. However, out-of-school guests may attend if a Rimrock High School student obtains a guest permission for them from the office prior to the social event. Securing the required approvals for guests is solely the responsibility of the Rimrock student making the request. <u>Guests must be a registered High School Student in good standing at their school.</u> Junior High students may not attend high school functions; nor may high school students attend junior high functions. Junior High students are not allowed to invite a guest to dances. A student who is suspended or expelled may not attend school social events.

A properly filled out request form must be turned in to the office at least three days prior to any dance being sanctioned. All high school dances must end by 12:00 AM (midnight). All junior high dances must end by 10:00 P.M.

There will be no leaving and re-entering the building during the event. Once a student leaves, he or she is not permitted return to the event. Guests must show ID matching the name on the guest permission form before being allowed entrance to the social event.

#### **Dress and Appearance**

Regular school dress code applies to all school social events, with the following exceptions:

- For females: Spaghetti straps or strapless dresses are permissible, provided they are not excessively low cut or revealing; open backs may not extend below the bra line. The mid-section (front, back and sides) must be covered. Length of dresses must be such that while standing, no skin shows above mid-thigh (measured from the hip bone to the knee).
- For males: No low-cut, open-front, or sleeveless shirts. For Homecoming and Prom, collared shirts are expected.

#### **Chaperones**

In addition to faculty advisors at school sponsored dances and parties, six (6) adult chaperones are required. The list of chaperones must be turned into the office two (2) days prior to the dance. Failure to submit a chaperone list or not having enough chaperones may result in the dance being canceled. The following guidelines outline the school's expectations.

- (1) Chaperones are not expected to discipline students. If disciplinary action is needed, contact a staff member who will execute appropriate discipline.
- (2) Chaperones are not to bring other children who are not in the grade level of the activity to those activities.
- (3) The principal may terminate an activity that is not properly chaperoned while it is in progress.
- (4) Chaperones must sign the chaperone guidelines form prior to any event.

## **Student Publications**

This policy addresses written student publications such as school newspapers, computer websites, literary magazines or documents, posters, leaflets, informative documents and any other written matter for dissemination. The time and place for dissemination of all printed matter will be designated by the principal. All material for dissemination must be submitted to the principal and approved before it may be distributed. Students denied approval may appeal to the Superintendent.

#### **Unacceptable Items**

- 1. "Hate" literature which attacks ethics, religions, radical groups, students, teacher, administrators or parents; other irresponsible publications aimed at creating hostility and violence, pornography, and similar materials are not suitable for distribution in the schools.
- 2. Materials libelous to specific individuals in or out of the school.
- 3. Materials designed to solicit funds, unless approved by school administration.
- 4. Any material which is obscene, profane or which in the judgment of the school administration is offensive or suggestive.
- 5. Illegal activities shall not be condoned.

#### **Miscellaneous Extracurricular Events**

#### Field Trips

Any students intending to participate in a class field trip must provide a grade check to the teacher in charge of the field trip by 4:00 p.m. the day before. Eligibility for field trips is the same as for athletics; all grades must be passing. NO EXCEPTIONS. Students must also submit a signed permission slip from their parent or guardian to the teacher no later than 3 class days before the field trip. Called-in or verbal permission for field trips is not permitted.

#### **Student Assemblies (Pep Rallies)**

These assemblies are for the purpose of boosting school spirit and morale. Student body cooperation and participation is expected.

Student body assemblies or pep rallies must be coordinated with Student Body Government to ensure they do not conflict with other student activities that may be planned. <u>Every student-initiated assembly or pep rally must be approved by the principal at least 2 days in advance.</u>

## Appendix A: Rimrock 2023-2024 Bell Schedule \*Schedule may be subject to change\*

## **Junior High School**

Warning Bell	7:55
1st Hour	8:00 - 8:50
Breakfast	8:50 - 9:04
2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour	9:04 - 10:00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour	10:03 - 10:57
4 <sup>th</sup> Hour	11:00 - 11:55
Lunch	11:55 - 12:20
5th Hour	12:20 - 1:12
6th Hour	1:15 - 2:07
7th Hour	2:10-3:02
WIN	3:05 - 3:37

## **High School**

Breakfast	7:50 - 8:05
1st Hour	8:05 - 9:01
2nd Hour	9:04 - 10:00
3rd Hour	10:03 - 11:00
Lunch	11:00 - 11:25
4th Hour	11:25 - 12:17
5th Hour	12:20 - 1:12
Break	1:12 – 1:18
6th Hour	1:18 - 2:10
7th Hour	2:13 - 3:05
WIN	3:08 - 3:40

## Appendix B: Rimrock Discipline Matrix

Offense	Consequence
Minor Offenses (including but not limited to Disrespectful / Disruptive Behaviors and Violations of Student Handbook or Classroom Expectations)	<ul> <li>Teacher discretion, up to a detention</li> <li>Repeat offenses may be considered Insubordination / Willful Disobedience</li> <li>Referral to administration and more severe consequences possible depending on frequency and severity</li> </ul>
Missed Detention	<ul> <li>1/2-day ISS for first offense</li> <li>Subsequent missed detentions may result in ISS or OSS</li> </ul>
Insubordination / Willful Disobedience	<ul> <li>Minimum Detention</li> <li>Up to ISS, OSS, or Referral for Expulsion depending on frequency and severity.</li> </ul>
Use of Personal Electronic Devices in Class	<ul> <li>Confiscation of Device (Parent to pick up device at office)</li> <li>Repeat offenses may be considered Insubordination / Willful Disobedience</li> </ul>
Bullying or Harassment	<ul> <li>Minimum Detention</li> <li>Up to ISS, OSS, or Referral for Expulsion depending on frequency and severity</li> </ul>
Threats	<ul><li>Minimum 2 days OSS</li><li>Up to Referral for Expulsion and Reporting to Law Enforcement</li></ul>
Physical Assault	<ul><li>Minimum 4 days OSS</li><li>Up to Referral for Expulsion and Reporting to Law Enforcement</li></ul>
Cheating, Copying, Plagiarism or Test Compromise	<ul> <li>Zero on assignment or test</li> <li>ISS, OSS, Withdrawal from Class with Failing Grade (F), or Referral for Expulsion depending on frequency and severity.</li> </ul>
Possession / Consumption of Alcohol	<ul> <li>Minimum 4 days OSS and Reporting to Law Enforcement</li> <li>2nd offense will result in Referral for Expulsion</li> </ul>
Possession / Consumption of Tobacco Products or Paraphernalia <u>(including e-cigarettes &amp; vapes)</u>	<ul> <li>Minimum 4 days OSS and Reporting to Law Enforcement</li> <li>2nd offense will result in Referral for Expulsion</li> </ul>
Possession / Consumption of Drugs / Controlled Substances	- OSS and Reporting to Law Enforcement, possible Referral for Expulsion
Distribution of Drugs, Controlled Substance, Tobacco, or Alcohol	- OSS and Reporting to Law Enforcement, possible Referral for Expulsion
Fighting (to include 'play' fighting or similar behavior)	<ul><li>Minimum 2 days OSS</li><li>Up to Referral for Expulsion and Reporting to Law Enforcement</li></ul>
Sexual Offenses	- OSS and Reporting to Law Enforcement, possible Referral for Expulsion
Stealing	<ul> <li>Minimum 2 days OSS with Restitution required</li> <li>Up to Referral for Expulsion and Reporting to Law Enforcement</li> </ul>
Possession of Deadly Weapons / Firearms	- OSS and Reporting to Law Enforcement, possible Referral for Expulsion
Vandalism to School Property	<ul> <li>Minimum 2 days OSS with Restitution required</li> <li>Up to Referral for Expulsion and Reporting to Law Enforcement</li> </ul>
Truancy	<ul> <li>Minimum detention and parent conference for 1<sup>st</sup> offense</li> <li>Subsequent offenses may result in OSS or Referral for Expulsion</li> </ul>

## **Appendix C: Student Body Constitution**

#### Preamble

We the students of Rimrock Junior - Senior High School in order to form a more perfect relationship of faculty and student body, promote education, encourage school citizenship, and ensure opportunity for ourselves and the student body, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution of Rimrock Junior - Senior High School.

#### Article I. Membership and Fees

**Section I.** Any student properly registered, and with their student body fees paid, shall be a member in good standing of the Rimrock Junior - Senior High School student body. The student will have all rights and privileges of membership and shall share its responsibilities.

Section II. All current faculty members shall be granted honorary membership. Honorary members shall not have the right to vote, but may participate, by invitation, in discussions.

#### Article II. The Legislative Body

Section I. All legislative power shall be vested in the Student Council. Officers of the Student Council shall be: **President -** The president shall preside at meetings of the student council. The president shall have no vote except to break a "tie" in voting. **Vice President -** The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president. The vice president may debate, but not vote. In the case the president does not fulfill his term of office, the vice president will complete the term. **Secretary -** The secretary shall record minutes of student council meetings, posting one (1) copy of student council minutes and filing one (1) copy in the office. The secretary shall carry on all written business of the student council and the student body. The secretary shall make monthly reports to the student council on the council's financial standing. The secretary shall have the power to debate, but not to vote in the meetings.

Section II. Members of the Student Council- Each class shall have two representatives: the class president and the class vice president, who shall have the right to debate and to vote. Each recognized organization may have one representative, preferably the president or equivalent, who shall have the right to debate and to vote.

Section II. Duties of the student council- There shall be at least, but not limited to, one student council meeting per month. The responsibilities of the student council shall be: (1) To make laws to fulfill the needs of the student body. (2)To carry out the provisions of this constitution.

Section IV. Duties of student council members- Representatives will represent their classes and organizations in student council meetings. Representatives must keep their classes and organizations informed of student council activities and decisions. Student body officers may make recommendations for the good of the student body.

Section V. Officer Qualifications and Elections- To qualify for class and student body office, a student must have attended Rimrock Junior-Senior High School for one (1) full semester prior to the election and must have obtained a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. Class officer elections shall be held in the spring during an official class meeting. Candidates will follow the same process as student body officer elections. They will pick up a petition, campaign, a primary will be held, speeches will be given to the class and then final elections will be held. This process will occur after student body officer elections have been held. Candidates must be eligible according to the current academic and membership requirements. Class Officers shall be: (a) President (and representative to the Student Council) (b) Vice President (also a representative to the Student Council (c) Secretary

Student Body Officer Elections shall be held in early May. Officers are defined according to Article II, Section 1. Candidates must be either sophomores or juniors, and must maintain junior or senior status if elected to office. Students must have a current student activity card to run for office. Nominating petitions must be made available to candidates two weeks prior to the election, and returned by the candidate no later than one week before the election. Each petition must contain 25 valid signatures of student body members in grades 6 through 11. If there are more than two candidates for any office there will be a primary election to reduce the candidates to two. During the week prior to the election, each official candidate, even if unopposed, will deliver a speech to the student body during a special assembly. During the official election, all members of the student body in grades 6 through 11 are eligible to vote. The vote will be held by secret ballot.

**Section VI. Recognition of Organizations-** In order for an organization to be in good standing with the Student Council and have a voting representative present at meetings, the organization must submit a brief statement at the beginning of each school year. This statement should include the organization's purpose, goals, yearlong schedule and overview, and a list of officers and members. Organizations will be recognized when this statement is deemed satisfactory by the Student Council. Organizations in good standing are also eligible to receive Student Council funds.

Section VII. Amendments- The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the student council.

## **Appendix D: Required Annual Notices**

In accordance with District Policy 4175, the following policies, procedures, and forms shall be distributed to students and their parents/guardians on an annual basis. All of the following may be accessed via the Bruneau – Grand View Joint School District #365 Website at: <u>https://www.sd365.us/Board\_Policies</u>

2140, 2140F 2425	Student and Family Privacy Rights Parental Rights
3280	Equal Education, Nondiscrimination, and
	Sex Equity
3295P	Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation,
	Bullying, and Cyber Bullying
3320	Substance and Alcohol Abuse
3330	Student Discipline
3335	Academic Honesty
3500	Student Health/Physical
	Screenings/Examinations
3570F1	Student Records
3575	Student Data Privacy and Security
4160	Parent Right-to-Know Notices
5120	Equal Employment Opportunity and Non-
	Discrimination
5265	Employee Responsibilities Regarding
	Student Harassment, Intimidation, and
	Bullying
8200	Local School Wellness
8254	Unpaid School Meal Charges