

BUHL HIGH SCHOOL

“Learn with Purpose”



Buhl Joint School District is committed to maintaining a work and learning environment free from discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, pregnancy, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital/civil union status, ancestry, place of birth, age, citizenship status, veteran status, political affiliation, genetic information or disability, as defined and required by state and federal laws.

Additionally, we prohibit retaliation against individuals who oppose such discrimination and harassment or who participate in an equal opportunity investigation.

The following are general Buhl High School rules governing the conduct of students while enrolled in Buhl High School, or at, or traveling to, school sponsored activities and events. These rules have been approved by the Board of Trustees and are considered Board policies. Students will be held accountable for the information provided in this publication.

STUDENT HANDBOOK:

This handbook is written for students. It will help you understand the expectations and procedures of conduct that are the practices of this school district. They are based on the policies and procedures of Buhl School District. If you or your parent/guardian wishes to review the policy manual, a copy is available at the Principal's office.

Please refer to the Buhl School District website, buhlschools.org, for information regarding operational procedures dealing with COVID-19.

ADVISORS/ADVISORY PERIOD:

Each Buhl High School student will be assigned an advisor. Advisors will monitor students' academic progress and attendance. They will help students set goals and monitor their progress towards those goals. Advisory will also be a time to learn important strategies that will help students in future learning, giving them the necessary skills to succeed in the future. Advisory class will meet daily.

ATTENDANCE:

Buhl High School recognizes the importance of attendance and punctuality to obtain maximum educational opportunities. Frequent absences disrupt the continuity of the instructional process. Students who miss school frequently have difficulty achieving success in the classroom. Students who are absent interrupt the educational process of other students by disrupting the teacher who must provide special attention to those who have been absent. In addition, students miss the benefit of instruction being provided by the teacher.

ABSENCES (See Board Policy 3050)

The intent of the Board of Trustees is to have students attend school on a regular basis. Regular and consistent attendance results in increased learning. It is also the intent of the Board of Trustees to have the regular classroom teacher present whenever possible. A student's presence in the classroom with the regular teacher contributes to time on task, and time on task contributes directly to learning.

All students must be in attendance in each classroom 90% of the time when that class is in session. No credit will be granted to students missing more than **nine days per semester**. The administration shall adjudicate absences where the total number of days is brought below nine days through doctor's excuses and legitimate illness.

The ONLY absences that WILL NOT be used in calculating the attendance record are:

1. Those that occur due to school-sponsored activities, since these are considered an equivalent educational experience. These exemptions will apply to students participating in sports events, cheerleading, music related events, FFA trips, academic field trips, and others deemed co-curricular;
2. Bereavement in the immediate family (grandmother, grandfather, father, mother, sister, brother). Any extended bereavement may be reviewed by the Attendance Board;
3. Subpoenas to appear in court or court-ordered, out-of-District placements for special services; and
4. Illness, medical appointments, dental appointments, or hospitalization verified by a doctor's statement.

Absences which will be counted in the 90% limit will include such areas as: family trips, work days, vacations, visiting friends or relatives, suspension in and out of school, watching tournaments when not an actual participant, hair, or photography appointments, skiing, hunting, court appearances, attending concerts, shopping, or any others not mentioned which are unacceptable to the Attendance Board.

Make-Up Policy

It is the belief of the staff of Buhl High School that assigned work is given to enhance learning and instill responsibility.

One (1) day will be given for make-up work for each day absent with the following exceptions:

1. Students who are absent the day pre-assigned work is due will hand it in the day they return. Pre-assigned exams will be taken the day the student returns.
2. Due dates on long-term assignments, i.e. term papers; class projects, etc. must be met in spite of absences.
3. Assignments for school activity absences must be turned in prior to leaving.
4. Variations in the above make up policy may be made at the discretion of the teacher.

TARDINESS

In view of the importance of establishing good work habits in students and the disruptive nature of irregular arrival of students to a classroom, the following concepts have been adopted:

1. Tardiness is defined as any appearance of a student beyond the scheduled time that the school day or a class begins.

2. Students who are tardy by ten (10) minutes or more to school or any class are will be identified as an extended tardy. Parents will be notified by the attendance office when an extended tardy occurs.

3. Three tardies in one class equals an absence.

TRUANCY

A truancy occurs when a student is absent from school or from any class without the **prior** knowledge or consent of his or her parents/guardians. Any time a student is not where a teacher believes that he or she should be that student may be considered truant. Any student leaving school during the day **must** check out through the office or he or she may be considered truant. Students who are truant will have no make-up privileges. Student truancy's will accumulate throughout their high school career (grades 9 through 12) .

1st Truancy – Parents notified, 1 day detention

2nd Truancy – Student, Parent/Guardian, Principal Conference, 1 day suspension

3rd Truancy – Parent Notified, 2 days suspension

4th Truancy – Parents notified, Board of Trustees notified identifying

student as a habitual truant, a status offense will be filed with the court, recommendation to Board of Trustees for expulsion.

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE: This has been suspended due to COVID.

Students may earn an attendance incentive by meeting **ALL** of the following criteria:

- 3 or fewer absences
- 3 or fewer tardies
- No truanies
- C or better grade

The only absences that do not count toward the incentive are School Activities and pre-approved College visits. **ALL other absences count** when determining if a student is eligible for the incentive.

BELL SCHEDULE:

Normal Day

1st Period	8:00 – 8:50
2nd Period	8:54 – 9:44
3rd Period	9:48 – 10:38
4th Period	10:42 – 11:32
5th Period	12:07 – 12:58
6th Period	1:02 – 1:52
7th Period	1:56 – 2:46
8th Period	2:50 – 3:20 (Advisory)

Early Release

1st Period	8:00-8:35
2nd Period	8:39-9:14
3rd Period	9:18-9:53
4th Period	9:57-10:32
5th Period	10:36-11:11
6th Period	11:15-11:50
7th Period	11:54-12:29
Lunch	12:29-1:00

BULLYING:

Bullying is strictly prohibited on school property, at any school-sponsored function, or on a school bus. Students are not expected to tolerate bullying or to suffer in silence. Bullying is defined as any intentional gesture, or any written, verbal or physical act or threat by any student, employee/staff, or third party that a reasonable person should have known will have the effect of (1) harming a student, (2) damaging a student's property, (3) placing a student in reasonable harm to his or her person, or (4) placing a student in reasonable harm to his or her property. Such act may also be committed through the use of any phone, computer, computer system or network, or by any other means.

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM

Rationale: This policy is written to communicate to all members of Buhl High School that cheating and plagiarism are **not acceptable** and will not be tolerated.

Policy: All students are expected to complete their own work to the highest standards of personal honesty in their daily work and assessments. All work submitted to a teacher must be original.

Cheating: Cheating is using dishonest methods to gain a personal advantage. This includes copying another student's homework and assessments, utilizing technology to obtain answers to homework or assessments, obtaining unauthorized assessment copies, and others. *Assessments* refer to quizzes, tests, and other evaluative methods teachers use to determine grades other than daily work.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is defined as stealing written or spoken text and passing it off as a person's own work, using a created production without crediting, or committing literary theft. Examples include turning in a paper retrieved from the internet or including information from an encyclopedia, book, textbook, web site, database, etc., without citation. A paper is considered plagiarized if parts of the assignment are taken from another source without giving credit.

Responsibilities of the Student

- Buhl School District reserves the right to add, delete or amend items in this handbook and accepts responsibility for informing students and parents when such changes occur.

Responsibilities: Eliminating cheating and plagiarism is the responsibility of all members of Buhl High School. Students will avoid situations which might contribute to cheating and/or plagiarism, not use group work unless indicated acceptable by the teacher, report to teachers when unethical academic behavior is witnessed, and document all borrowed resources when writing a paper.

* It must also be noted that a student's standing in various clubs such as National Honor Society are impacted when a student is caught cheating/plagiarizing. Club sponsors and coaches are contacted in order to determine specific sanctions for compliance with the various organizations by-laws and codes of conduct.

Violations of this policy will result in a failing grade being issued and possible suspension or expulsion taking place.

CLASS CHANGES:

Any changes in student schedules are to be completed during the first five days of the semester. Changes will be made for academic reasons only, and must be done by appointment either before or after school. Students must complete a "Change of Class" form prior to meeting with a counselor. **Students who withdraw from a class after five class periods will receive an automatic "F" for the semester.** There will be a \$3.00 charge for class

changes if graduation requirements do not necessitate the change.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

All students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities. Besides competitive activities, there are a variety of clubs available. Representatives of active clubs and organizations, together with the elected officers for each class and the elected student body officers, make up the Student Council.

Any group who has a sponsor from within the staff may petition Student Council to be recognized as a member. School clubs and organizations shall have first choice on dates for dances, concessions, and other fund raising activities. Dates need to be reserved as soon as possible each year and dates are allocated on a first come first served basis.

COLLEGE VISITATION:

All college visits must be pre-approved by the counselor at least 2 days prior to the visit. Forms for the visit are to be picked up in the counselor's office **prior** to leaving for the visitation. If possible, visitations should be scheduled during non-school days. With prior approval, college visitations are considered administrative absences and will not count as an absence when determining attendance issues.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES:

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Possession, use, transmission of, sale of, or being under the influence of substances controlled for use by minors is strictly prohibited anywhere on school property, and at or traveling to any school sponsored activity or event. Substances controlled for use by minors include all forms of tobacco, including e cigarettes, vapes and vaping liquids, alcohol, illegal drugs, and substances used for huffing.

Violation of these restrictions will result in immediate and automatic suspension and may result in the principal recommending expulsion.

If a student is under a physician's care for a condition requiring prescription medication, written verification must be on file with the school office. Students are not to give and/or share prescription, over the counter, or any other types or forms of medicines with any other students.

Reasonable Suspicion

Intent: Personnel will respond in the following way when a student discloses or is reasonably suspected of using or being under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substances while on school property or at a school function, except as deemed reasonably necessary to protect the health and safety of others.

Note: References to first, second, and third offense is defined as during the time the student

is enrolled in the Buhl School District. The countdown does not start anew if the student re-enrolls after withdrawing from school (withdrawal for any reason).

First Offense: After reasonable suspicion has been established by trained personnel:

1. Administrators will contact student's parents or guardians.
1. Administrators have the authority to search the student, his/her possessions and his/her locker.
2. Administrators will release the student to law enforcement.
3. Administrators will impose the following sanctions:
 - No attendance at school activities for four (4) weeks.
 - Three (3) days out-of-school suspension.

Second Offense: After reasonable suspicion has been established by trained personnel:

1. Administrators will contact the student's parents or guardians.
2. Administrators have the authority to search the student, his/her possessions and his/her locker.
3. Administrators will release the student to law enforcement.
4. Administrators will impose the following sanctions:
 - No attendance at school activities for six (6) weeks.
 - Five (5) days out-of-school suspension.

Third Offense: After reasonable suspicion has been established by trained personnel:

1. Administrators will contact the student's parents or guardians.
2. Administrators have the authority to search the student, his/her possessions and his/her locker.
3. Administrators will release the student to law enforcement.
4. Administrators will impose the following sanctions:
 - The student will receive a maximum 15 day out-of-school suspension, pending a due process hearing with the school board.
 - The administration will recommend the student be expelled from school for a minimum of one (1) semester.

Voluntary Disclosure

Intent: Idaho Statute (33-210,IC) allows for students to voluntarily disclose using or being under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance defined by section 37-2732C,IC.

Note: References to first, second, and third offense is defined as during the time the student is enrolled in the Buhl School District. The countdown does not start anew if the student re-enrolls after withdrawing from school (withdrawal for any reason).

First Offense:

1. The student's parents or guardians will be notified.

2. The student will be released to his/her parent or guardian. (The student will not be allowed to leave the campus without parental direction. Under no circumstances will the student be allowed to drive his/her own vehicle.)
3. The student will be referred to the district's drug and alcohol counselor.
4. The student will receive a two (2) day out-of-school suspension.
5. Anonymity will be provided to the student on a faculty "need to know" basis.

Second Offense:

1. The student's parents or guardians will be notified.
2. The student will be released to his/her parent or guardian. (The student will not be allowed to leave campus without parental direction. Under no circumstances will the student be allowed to drive his/her own vehicle.)
3. The student will be referred to the district's drug and alcohol counselor.
4. The student will receive a four (4) day out-of-school suspension.
5. Anonymity will be provided to the student on a faculty "need to know" basis.

Third Offense:

1. The student's parents or guardians will be notified.
2. The student will be released to his/her parent or guardian. (The student will not be allowed to leave the campus without

parental direction. Under no circumstances will the student be allowed to drive his/her own vehicle.)

3. Anonymity will be provided to the student on a faculty “need to know” basis.
4. The student will receive a maximum 15 day out-of-school suspension, pending a due process hearing with the school board.

The administration will recommend the student be expelled from school for a minimum of one (1) semester.

Prescription Medication

The office does not have any general medication. All drugs brought to school for any purpose must be with the knowledge of school personnel and in a prescription bottle, not an unidentifiable container. Prescription drugs will be stored and given to only those students with a physician’s approval form on file.

COUNSELORS:

A counselor will be available during the regular school day. Students should not take class time to request appointments with the counselor. The counselor will schedule appointments and request students with call slips to classroom teachers. Release of a student from class to the counselor is at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Students returning to class from the counselor shall have a note indicating the time they were dismissed by the counselor. Any

students not following these procedures may be considered truant.

DANCES:

Dances may be held during the school year. Dances must be approved by the Student Council and the principal two weeks prior to the date of the dance. Such approval may only be gained after submission of proper forms and verification of adequate chaperones. After students enter a dance, they are not permitted to leave and re-enter the dance or building. All school rules apply at dances. Dances will end at 11:00 p.m. with the exception of the Prom.

Students wishing to bring a guest from outside Buhl High School must have approval from the principal two days **prior** to the date of the dance. This can be done using a “Permission to Attend School Activity Form” available in the office. Guests must adhere to all school rules while in attendance.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

The Buhl School District has adopted a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY concerning student discipline within the classrooms and schools. It is the belief of this district that all students have the right to learn and all teachers have the right to teach. Students who interfere with these rights may be removed from a class or expelled from school.

The **Teacher** will be the authority in charge of discipline and dress code policy within the classroom. Each teacher shall post rules for his or her classroom and shall provide a copy of such rules to the principal.

When a student conducts him or herself in an inappropriate manner, the following procedures shall be used by classroom teachers:

- 1st Offense - Conference with the student.**
- 2nd Offense - Conference with the parents.**
- 3rd Offense - Report to the principal.**

Subsequent offenses may result in detention, school service, in/out school suspension or recommendation for expulsion. Certain offenses such as severe disruption of the learning environment, violent behavior, controlled substance violations, severe aggression or harassment, or any behavior threatening the safety and well-being of others may result in immediate and extraordinary disciplinary action. Students withdrawn or permanently removed from class for disciplinary reasons will receive a failing grade for the semester.

DRESS:

Student dress is a direct reflection of the quality of the school and has an effect on student attitude and behavior. All students are expected to dress in a manner that is clean and neat and will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others, and does not disrupt the educational process. This policy applies to both the instructional day and attendance at student

activities. The BHS Staff has the authority to determine if the dress code is being violated. If a student is required to leave the classroom for dress code violations, they may be considered absent.

- Clothing which is suggestive and/or provocative, which as a consequence is disruptive to classroom management or the teaching process, is not allowed.
- Halter tops, tank tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, low-cut blouses, shirts or sweaters and see-through clothing are not allowed.
- Clothing will cover the mid-section when worn in a normal manner.
- Excessively tight clothing or baggy and sagging clothing will not be allowed.
- Holes above the mid-thigh are not permitted.
- Clothing that displays alcohol, drugs, sex, tobacco, nudity, violence, killing, gang association, obscene language or symbols, or ethnic harassment will not be allowed.
- Pajamas, slippers, and visible undergarments will not be allowed.
- Pants will be worn at hip level; low-riding pants or pants that intentionally or unintentionally drag on the ground are not allowed.
- Shorts or skirts may be no shorter than mid-thigh; this includes laced pants and skirts.
- Belt tails must be tucked in.
- Head coverings may not be worn in the school during school hours.

- All garments must be hemmed.
- Shoes must be securely worn at all times for protection and safety during school hours.
- Jewelry construed as a safety hazard is not permitted [e.g., chains, spiked collars or bracelets, etc.]
- Excessive or extreme make-up that is disruptive or a safety hazard is not allowed.
- There shall be no jewelry affixed to a student's tongue, lips, cheek, or eyebrow.

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DRIVING/PARKING:

Students are to park in the lot directly in **front** of the school and not in the visitor/faculty spaces or teacher assigned parking areas on the east and west side of the school. Students will exercise reasonable and prudent care in the operation of vehicles on school premises. The school parking lot is private and parking is regulated. Parking in the Buhl High School student parking lot is a privilege and may be revoked. The parking lot is school property and as such is subject to random searches or searches that may arise as a result of reasonable suspicion or probable cause. Students are not permitted to drive vehicles during or between classes without written permission from the administration. **Students violating this policy will be issued a parking ticket, may have driving privileges on school property**

suspended and/or be referred to the police department. Buhl School District is not responsible for damage or loss due to speed bumps, wrecks, or damaged or stolen property.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

In an effort to promote appropriate use of technology while keeping the integrity of the classroom instruction intact, the Buhl High School cell phone and electronics policy will allow students to use their phones and electronic devices during designated times throughout the day.

Students are permitted to use cell phones and other electronic devices before school, after school, during lunch and during passing periods. Students must refrain from communicating with students who are in class during the lunch period. Such behavior may result in disciplinary action.

Students may not use their phones or electronic devices during instruction time. This means cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off or placed on silent and put away before entering the classroom. Headphones may not be visible during instructional time, unless it has been authorized by the teacher. Also, phones and other electronic devices may not be used outside of the classroom during instruction time. For example, leaving for the restroom, locker, library, or any other location outside of the classroom. Students who inappropriately use

technology, cell phones, or other devices without permission in class will face disciplinary consequences.

Teachers may permit use of cell phones and other electronic devices for academic activities and will notify students when this type of use is authorized.

ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Buhl High School students must meet all rules of eligibility governed by the Idaho High School Activities Association. Students must have on file a valid physical, evidence of insurance or a statement of waiver of liability, an emergency information form, and a random drug testing consent form. Students must also be academically eligible by passing six of seven courses in which they are enrolled. (Due to COVID, the Board has amended this policy- Students must pass five of seven courses in which they are enrolled). If a student is enrolled in less than seven classes, the student must pass all but one to remain eligible for the following semester. (i.e. Must pass five of six or four of five. Students participating with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 must have an academic improvement plan in place as developed by the local school district. This plan must include monitoring, additional assistance, time provided for assistance, and an appropriate timeline. A current Buhl High School activity card is required.

Students who are home schooled are exempt from the grade requirement if they test proficient on the ISAT test.

GANGS AND HATE GROUPS:

Gangs, hate groups, and similar organizations or groups which advocate and promote violence, hatred, or discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, religion, gender, national origin, or handicapping conditions are inconsistent with the fundamental values and educational environment of the Buhl Public Schools. The activities of such groups and their members are prohibited on school district property and during all school district activities.

Such prohibited activities include, but are not limited to, (1) the congregation of members, (2) the solicitation and/or recruitment of members, (3) the possession of group/gang paraphernalia and materials, (4) the harassment and intimidation of others, (5) the advocacy of discrimination of others, (6) and any other behavior, such as the wearing of gang colors and/or insignias and the use of language, codes, and gestures that provoke violence or seek to advocate the purpose and objectives of such gangs, hate groups, and similar organizations or groups. Disciplinary action, based on violation of this policy, will be determined by school officials and may include suspension or expulsion from school.

GRADING:

The school year is divided into two semesters and each semester into two quarters. Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter. Progress reports will be issued twice each quarter. Grades are indicated by a letter scale as follows:

A 90 – 100 B 80 - 89 C 70 - 79
D 60 - 69 F 0 - 59

For the purpose of assessing G.P.A. the following scale is used:

A 4.0 B 3.0 C 2.0 D
1.0

Any challenge of assigned grades must be presented within 10 days of the end of the grading period for which the grade was assigned.

GRADUATION:

Minimum requirements for graduation will be distributed to all students and their parents through registration manuals, freshman orientation and/or individual appointments with high school counselors. Every student is **required** by law to have a four-year plan on file in the counseling office.

Students of Buhl High School must satisfy all of the requirements of the Buhl School District prior to the commencement exercises in order to

be allowed to participate at graduation. (All course requirements must be completed by the end of the last day of senior finals. Any student not meeting those requirements will not be allowed to participate in the commencement exercise.) Foreign exchange students may be recognized at graduation but will not receive a BHS diploma unless they have met all of the requirements of Buhl School District.

GRADUATION HONORS:

1. School officials will calculate a grade point average (GPA) for all students based on a 4.0 scale (letter grade of 'A'=4 points, 'B'=3 points, etc.), representing grades earned during the students' first seven (7) high school semesters.
2. He/she must have a **Cumulative GPA of a 3.5** or higher at the end of the students' first (7) high school semesters.
3. He/she must be considered a **full-time student**. Course load requirements are listed below.
4. Academic Requirements: He/She must successfully complete **at least 10 of the following classes:**
 - AP Course
 - *Any Honors Course (*approved by BHS)
 - Anatomy & Physiology

Honors English 1 & 2
Chemistry Honors
Honors English 3
Dual Credit Course (Math, Science, English,
Social Studies)
Calculus
Microbiology
Foreign Language (year 1 & 2)
Foreign Language (yr. 3)
Foreign Language (yr. 4)
Physics
Pre-Calculus

5. He/she must complete 20 hours of community service through school, civic and/or religious organizations. These hours must be pre-approved by the BHS Principal or counselor and completion must be verified by the organizational leaders. All hours will be due May 1st of the student's senior year.

6. College Entrance Exam Score Requirement:
He/she must have a minimum ACT OR SAT score of:
ACT-21 or higher (composite)
SAT-1000 or higher (critical reading and mathematics)

Course Load (full-time enrollment): A student must be enrolled in no less than six courses per semester to be considered a full time student. Students must be granted permission from the principal, superintendent, or board to be enrolled in less than seven classes per semester.

HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION:

Each student attending Buhl High School has the right to learn in an atmosphere which promotes and enhances their fullest potential. Therefore, harassment and intimidation, whether physical or verbal is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Consequences may include suspension/Saturday School and/or recommendation for expulsion from school.

HAZING:

Buhl High School does not condone any form of intimidation or harassment, known as hazing, as a part of any school sponsored activity. Buhl High School will investigate all complaints of hazing and will administer appropriate discipline to any individual or group in violation of this policy.

HONOR ROLL:

Honor rolls will be posted at the end of each grading period. Student Service grades are not computed for honor roll. Scale is as follows: Highest Honors - 4.00, High Honors - 3.50 - 3.99, Honors - 3.00 - 3.49. To be eligible for honor roll status a student must have no failing grades and must meet requirements for full-time student status.

IMMUNIZATIONS:

We are required by law to maintain a copy of student immunization records or parent waivers.

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INCOMPLETE GRADES:

Students who receive an incomplete grade have 10 school days in which to complete outstanding work. After 10 days all incompletes will become F's unless the principal determines that mitigating circumstances warrant otherwise

INJURIES:

All injuries occurring at the school or at a school sponsored event must be reported immediately and an incident report completed.

LIBRARY:

All items must be checked out before they are removed from the library. Students are expected to be quiet in the library. Other library procedures are posted in the library. Students are responsible for any lost items checked out from the library and will be billed for their replacement costs.

LOCKERS:

Lockers will be issued to students at the beginning of the school year. ***Students are advised not to leave anything of value in their locker.*** Buhl School District does not assume responsibility for items left in lockers. Lockers should be kept locked. Students are reminded that lockers are the property of the school and as such are subject to search at any time without

notice. Inappropriate items will be confiscated. Do not mark or place permanent stickers on the outside of lockers. Damage to individual lockers will be the student's responsibility. ***“Jamming” lockers will be considered damage and students will be held responsible for the cost of lock cleaning and/or repair.***

POWERSCHOOL ACCESS:

Parents and students may access grades, attendance, and the school's daily bulletin in PowerSchool via the Internet. With Internet access, you may view this information by logging onto the Buhl School District website and clicking on the PowerSchool link. Web IDs and passwords will be issued through the office. Do not share your PowerSchool ID and password with anyone. If it is lost or stolen, contact the office immediately. Access to PowerSchool may be denied to students who owe outstanding fees and/or fines.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

It is the intent of Buhl High School to provide students and parents as much information as possible about scholarships and has an active program in place to do this. Specific inquiries are also welcome through the counseling department.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE:

School officials may search students and their personal property if they have reasonable

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suspicion to believe that an illegal act or violation of school rules is occurring or about to occur and they may seize any item deemed injurious to the safety and welfare of school students or staff or deemed detrimental to the educational process.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES DRUG TESTING:

Based upon the input of parents, students, patrons, teachers, coaches, and others involved in student activities programs, officials representing the Buhl School District find that a mandatory random drug testing program for all high school students involved in IHSA sanctioned activities is necessary for the following reasons: (1) the health and safety of the individual, (2) prevention, and (3) students in various activities are looked up to by younger students as role models. We believe that this program gives a strong message to the student body and to the community that drugs and alcohol are not acceptable and offers assistance in getting free and staying free from drugs.

STUDENT BODY AND CLASS OFFICER ELIGIBILITY:

Any student interested in running for student body or class office must meet certain requirements as outlined in the Associated Student Body Constitution. If interested in running for office, the requirements must be met.

STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students are responsible for their own behavior, for complying with written rules of the school district/building, and submitting to reasonable corrective action imposed by school district officials. Such responsibility shall include, but not be limited to: (1) being on time to school and class, (2) completing assignments to the best of one's ability on time, (3) respect for others and district facilities and equipment, (4) appropriate behavior toward fellow students and staff members, (5) following instructions of school officials, (6) public displays of affection are not appropriate in the school setting. Anything beyond holding hands is considered an inappropriate display of affection, (7) being aware of and complying with district/building rules.

STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND DUE PROCESS:

The disciplining of students should be in accordance with the due process ideal and designed for correcting a student's behavior. A student's right to an education has been judged to be a property right guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment. To protect this right, district officials shall provide a due process hearing for any student considered for suspension or expulsion.

TELEPHONES:

Students will not be called out of class to the telephone. Messages will only be taken from parents. In an emergency, parents are requested

to contact the Principal. Students may use school phones, with the permission of school personnel, only in the event of illness or emergency.

TEXTBOOKS:

The school loans texts to all students. Unreasonable damage to textbooks or loss of textbooks will result in fines equivalent to replacement costs. Payment for replacement must be made before a new textbook is issued. Students damaging or losing textbooks or school equipment must pay replacement costs before report cards, transcripts or graduation diplomas will be issued.

TRANSPORTATION:

Rules of conduct for students riding district school buses are outlined in the Pupil Transportation Manual. Bus drivers are responsible for enforcing those rules and have the same legal authority as a teacher in the classroom. Students who consistently fail to meet reasonable rules of conduct on school buses may be suspended from or permanently denied use of those buses.

VANDALISM:

No student shall cause damage nor urge others to cause damage to school property. When a student is known to have caused damage to school property that student will be held

financially accountable for such damage and may also be subject to further disciplinary action such as suspension or a recommendation for expulsion.

VISITORS:

Visitors to Buhl High School are welcomed. All visitors must check in at the office. Student visitors are not allowed without prior permission of each teacher and the principal. Permission must be obtained one day in advance of the visit. A visitor's pass and sign in sheet will be provided in the office.

WEAPONS:

It is against the law “for any person under the age of twenty-one (21) to carry a firearm, dirk knife, bowie knife, metal knuckles or other deadly weapon on or about his person while on the property of a public or private elementary or secondary school or in those portions of any building, stadium or other structure on school grounds...or while riding school provided transportation.” The school district has no choice but to expel any student violating this statute: “Additionally, the board of trustees of a school district shall expel any person violating the provision of this section if the violator is a student.” [§18-3302D, Idaho Code]

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY:

The Board of Trustees has determined that a number of violations of district and/or building rules and regulations governing student behavior

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will not be tolerated and may result in immediate expulsion subject to a due process hearing by the Board. These violations include, but are not limited to:

1. Any student causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person.
2. Any student using or threatening to use an object which could be used to injure another person.
3. Any student who brings a firearm to school or on school grounds or to a school activity will be expelled for a minimum of one calendar year (Gun Free School Act of 1994).
4. Any student possessing, under the influence of, selling, or distributing alcohol, tobacco, and/or controlled substances.
5. Any student vandalizing school district facilities, equipment, or the personal or real property of students or school district employees.
6. Any student chronically disrupting a teacher's classroom decorum and/or school/classroom rules.