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It shall be the policy of the board of trustees to keep the community informed of the objectives, achievements, needs, and conditions of the school system. The superintendent of schools shall be responsible for initiating and administering a continuous program of communications within the community. The superintendent shall utilize school personnel and all media available in discharging his or her responsibility.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Section  
33-506(1)

**ADOPTED:** July 23, 1998

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This district's board of trustees recognizes that while the parents of some students may be divorced or estranged, both have a right to be informed of and involved in their child's educational process. The board also recognizes that parents who are estranged or divorced may disagree regarding the education of the child, and/or may attempt to limit one another's access to their child. Despite such estrangement, both parents are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the child's education, to the extent appropriate.

Parents are presumed to have joint custody of the student, absent a court order or written agreement between the parents denying or limiting custody for either parent. For the district's purpose, the parent with whom the student resides is presumed to be the custodial parent. If estranged or divorced parents both claim to be the custodial parent, asserting that the student is residing with both parents, enrollment records will be examined. The parent who enrolled the student will be presumed to be the custodial parent until a court order or written agreement between the parties, identifying the custodial parent, is provided to the school.

A parent will only be prevented from participating in his/her child's education if a court order (e.g., divorce decree, custody order, or restraining order) specifically denies visitation rights. If one parent desires that the district comply with such an order, he/she has the obligation to present a copy of the signed order to the building principal. Additionally, the district may prohibit either parent (regardless of custodial status and the language of the court order) from entering the school, or otherwise participating in school-sponsored activities, if he or she disrupts the educational process or his/her presence is detrimental to the morals, health, safety, academic learning, or discipline of the student(s).

### **PROGRESS REPORTS AND STUDENT RECORDS**

Both parents have the right to receive progress reports and review student records of their minor children. If the parents are separated or divorced, progress reports will be sent to the custodial parent with the expectation that he/she will share the report with the non-custodial parent. The district will send copies of the progress report to the non-custodial parent only if that parent submits a written request that it do so.

Both parents have the right to review their minor student's records. However, if the custodial parent advises the district, in writing, to delete the minor child's address from student records supplied to the non-custodial parent, the records will be flagged and the deletion will be made. Any request to review the student's records must comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

### **PARTICIPATION IN PARENT AND TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Both parents are welcome, and encouraged, to participate in parent and teacher conferences, disciplinary meetings or hearings, Individual Educational Program team meetings, and any other conference called by district personnel regarding the student's education. If the parents are separated or divorced, the custodial parent is expected to share scheduling information with the

non-custodial parent. The school will provide scheduling information to the non-custodial parent only if it receives a written request to do so.

**EDUCATIONAL DECISIONS**

In the event the parents are unable to agree with one another on decisions regarding their student’s educational program, including, but not limited to, placement, participation in extracurricular activities, and consent to evaluation and services, the custodial parent’s decision will be binding on both parents unless a court order requires otherwise. In the event the educational decision relates to services provided pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the educational decisions, and the parents’ rights and responsibilities, will be pursuant to the statutory requirements.

**VISITATION WITH THE STUDENT DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

Generally, both parents have the right to attend school programs open to parents and patrons, volunteer in the child’s classroom, or visit the child at the school, or otherwise be in the school setting. The parent’s right is not negated solely by the fact that he/she is the non-custodial parent. Such visitation will be limited only if the district has received a copy of a court order specifically restricting the parent’s access to the child by: 1) denying the parent’s visitation rights; or 2) requiring supervision of the parent’s visitation with the child. The district does not have the responsibility to supervise visitation between a parent and his/her child and, thus, will not allow parent access in the school setting.

When visiting the school, all parents are required to comply with all district policies and not take any action, which disrupts the educational process. All parents visiting the school must check-in with the school office before proceeding to a classroom or other area of the school. If a parent takes any action, which the administrator considers to be inappropriate or disruptive to the educational process, he/she may be requested to leave and prohibited from returning.

If a parent wants to visit with his/her child privately, the administrator shall have the authority to grant or deny the request, and, if granted, to determine the place and time of such visit to ensure minimal disruption to the student’s participation in class.

**RELEASE OF THE STUDENT TO SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE CUSTODIAL PARENT**

Only the custodial parent has the right to authorize removal of the child from school property during school hours. If the custodial parent desires that the student be removed by another individual, he/she must inform the school in writing that he/she is authorizing such party to remove the student. Such authorization shall be assumed to be generally applicable, unless the custodial parent specifies that it is limited to a specific date and time.

If the non-custodial parent seeks to remove the child from school, and the custodial parent has not consented, the following steps should be followed:

1. The principal or designee will meet with the non-custodial parent and, in his/her presence, telephone the custodial parent and explain the request. If the custodial parent agrees, the student will be released and the records will reflect that the permission was granted orally. In the event the custodial parent cannot be reached, the principal may make a decision based upon all relevant information available to him/her.
2. If the custodial parent objects to the removal, the principal or designee may allow a visit between the non-custodial parent and student, with the child remaining in the office area for the visit and then returning to class. The non-custodial parent will not be allowed to leave the office area with the student.
3. If the principal or designee has reason to believe that a possible abduction of the child may occur at the school or the parent is disruptive, the superintendent and/or local law enforcement officials will be immediately notified.

**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections

33-506

33-512

32-717A

Family Educational Rights And Privacy Act of 1974

20 USC 1232g

34 CFR Part 99

IDAHO ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION No. 93-2

**ADOPTED:** March 21, 2002

**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016

April 18, 2019

The board of trustees of this district recognizes that cooperation with law enforcement agencies is essential for the protection of students, maintenance of a safe environment in this district's schools, and the safeguard of all district property.

The district will also cooperate with other state and local public agencies insofar as those agencies' responsibilities and duties relate to public school students.

### **CHILD PROTECTION**

The district will allow law enforcement and health and welfare agents to interview students, relative to child protection at school facilities, during school hours, upon notice of the need for such interview. Upon receiving notice of the need for such interview and identification of the interviewer as a law enforcement agent, the superintendent or designee will provide a private room in which the interview(s) may be conducted. No school official or staff member will be present during the interview unless requested to do so by the law enforcement agent.

Law enforcement is not required to notify the parent that his/her student is being interviewed relative to a child protection investigation. School officials will not notify the parent regarding the fact that the student is being interviewed by law enforcement, unless specifically requested to do so by the law enforcement agent. In the event that a parent inquires regarding the interview, the school officials will refer the parent to law enforcement.

### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**

The district will allow law enforcement agents to interview students, relative to criminal investigations, at school facilities, during school hours, upon notice of the need for such interview.

In cases of criminal investigations by law enforcement, school officials will attempt to notify parents/guardians prior to the interview.

School officials will take no actions to delay or otherwise interfere with law enforcement's interview, removal into protective custody, or arrest of the student.



### **LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Attorney General Opinion No. 93-2

**ADOPTED:** March 21, 2002  
April 18, 2019

**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016

To protect the morals, health, and safety of students, it is the policy of Blackfoot School District No. 55 to deny entrance onto the premises or conveyances owned or leased by a school and prevent loitering on a public way within five hundred (500) feet of the property line of any district school or any building posted with a notice that it is being used by a school to registered sex offenders or persons required to register under the sex offender registration act of whom the district has knowledge. District officials will make reasonable efforts to identify registered sex offenders residing within the district's boundaries or who have children or wards enrolled in the district.

The board authorizes the superintendent or designee to enforce this policy, including the decision to grant or deny any request for an exception, and/or impose other restrictions consistent with enforcing this policy.

### **DEFINITIONS**

“Contact the school district office” includes mail, facsimile machine, email, or by computer using the internet.

“Extracurricular” means any school-sponsored activity, occurring during or outside regular school hours, that is outside of the regular curriculum including, but not limited to, academic, artistic, athletic or recreational activities.

“School premises” includes all buildings, facilities, and property being utilized for district-sponsored activities regardless of location, including transportation that is owned, leased, sponsored, or contracted by the district.

### **PROHIBITION**

Any individual who is currently registered or required to register under the sex offender registration act as provided in chapter 83, title 18, Idaho Code, may not:

1. Be upon or to remain on the premises of any school building or school grounds in this state, or upon other properties posted with a notice that they are used by a school, when the person has reason to believe children under the age of eighteen (18) years are present and are involved in a school activity or when children are present within thirty (30) minutes before or after a scheduled school activity.
2. Knowingly loiter on a public way within five hundred (500) feet from the property line of school grounds in this state, including properties posted with a notice that they are used by a school, when children under the age of eighteen (18) years are present and are involved in a school activity or when children are present within thirty (30) minutes before or after a scheduled school activity.
3. Be in any conveyance owned or leased by a school to transport students to or from school or a school-related activity when children under the age of eighteen (18) years are present in the conveyance.

4. Reside within five hundred (500) feet of the property on which a school is located, measured from the nearest point of the exterior wall of the offender's dwelling unit to the school's property line, unless the individual's residence was established prior to July 1, 2006.

### EXCEPTIONS

This prohibition does not apply to the following:

1. A student in attendance at the school.
2. An individual residing at a state licensed or certified facility for incarceration, health or convalescent care.
3. An individual exercising his or her right to vote in public elections during non-school hours.
4. An individual taking delivery of his mail through an official post office located on or in the vicinity of school grounds.
5. An individual staying at a homeless shelter or residing at a recovery facility if the shelter or facility has been approved for sex offenders by the county sheriff or municipal police chief.

Other individuals wishing to access school grounds must contact the school district office annually prior to the individual's first visit of the school year and obtain written permission from the district to be on the school grounds or upon other property posted with a notice that the property is used by a school. The superintendent or designee may grant a limited exception to an individual who:

1. Is dropping off or picking up a child or children and the person is the child(ren)'s parent or legal guardian, unless limited by court order.
2. Is attending an academic conference or other scheduled extracurricular school event with school officials present when the offender is a parent or legal guardian of a child who is participating in the conference or extracurricular event, unless limited by court order.
3. Is temporarily on school grounds, during school hours, for the purpose of making a mail, food, or other delivery.
  - a. The delivery person's employer is responsible for contacting the district and obtaining permission for the individual to be on school premises. The superintendent or designee may grant admission to such individual, deny admission, provide direct supervision, or require that the delivery person's employer provide appropriate supervision.
4. Has a legitimate need to access the school or building, as determined by the superintendent or designee.

The decision to grant or deny the request for an exception, and/or impose other restrictions, is not appealable to the board. Any decision to grant the request for an exception may be revoked by the school district for any reason at any time, with or without notice. The decision will be based



upon review of all of the relevant circumstances, including the risk to the morals, health, and safety of other students, employees, and patrons.

The district reserves the right to refuse entry on school grounds to any person or organization that does not have legitimate business at the school and to request any unauthorized person or persons engaging in unacceptable conduct to leave the school grounds.

**REPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT**

District administrators will immediately report to law enforcement any registered sex offender or person required to register under the sex offender registration act who has not been granted permission pursuant to this policy and who is observed or known to be on the premises, or loitering within five hundred (500) feet of the property line of a school or other location when children are present and involved in a school activity or when children are present within thirty (30) minutes before or after a scheduled school activity.

**EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL LIABILITY**

The district and its personnel do not have a duty to inquire, investigate or disclose any information regarding registered sex offenders, nor will school district personnel be held liable for failure to disclose any information regarding registered sex offenders to any other person or entity. School district personnel who, acting without malice or criminal intent, obtain or disseminate information under the Sexual Offender Registration Notification and Community Right-To-Know Act will be immune from civil liability for any damages claimed as a result of such disclosures made or received.

**NOTICE**

Notices will be placed at all public entrances to the property and will be at least one hundred (100) square inches (e.g., ten (10) inches by ten (10) inches), refer to Idaho Code Section 18-8329, and include the term “registered sex offender”. The district will work with the property owner of any non-school location at which school activities will occur to post notices that the property is being used by a school pursuant to Idaho Code Section 18-8329.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections

3-512(4) and (11) – Governance of Schools

18-8301, et seq. – Sexual Offender Registration Notification and Community Right-to-Know Act

18-8325 – Exemption from Civil Liability

18-8329 – Adult Criminal Sex Offenders – Prohibited Access to School Children – Exceptions

**ADOPTED:** November 16, 2006

**AMENDED:** October 23, 2008  
January 21, 2016

**[SCHOOL DISTRICT LETTERHEAD]**

Date

Name  
Address  
Address

Re: Denial of Access to \_\_\_\_\_ School District No. \_\_\_\_ Premises and Activities

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Enclosed is a copy of district Policy No. 1006, Registered Sex Offenders, which prohibits registered sex offenders from entering school premises or attending school-sponsored activities. Your name and address appear on the Idaho Sex Offender Registry. As a result, I am notifying you that you are prohibited from entering any school buildings or grounds, or attending any school-sponsored events or activities unless I have granted you special permission in writing.

Idaho Code Section 18-8329 makes it a misdemeanor for a registered sex offender to be on the premises of any school building or school grounds when the person has reason to believe children under the age of eighteen (18) are present, with limited exceptions.

Furthermore, Idaho Code Section 33-512(11) authorizes the board to prohibit an individual who disrupts the educational processes or whose presence is detrimental to the morals, health, safety, academic learning or discipline of the pupils from entering or loitering in a school or on its premises, and to provide for the removal of the individual. Any individual who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

I am aware that you have a child enrolled in the school district and may wish to gain information regarding your child's progress and education. However, as a registered sex offender, you must complete and return the attached form to the principal of your child's school at least ten (10) days before your first anticipated visit to the school. If you have children attending more than one school in this district, you must complete the form for each school.

When you visit your child at school or a school event that you have not already described on the attached form, you must inform the principal's secretary that you need to make an entry on your record of school visits maintained in the building principal's office.

Should you violate this directive, criminal charges may be filed against you and/or law enforcement may be called to respond to the site.

Sincerely,

Name  
Superintendent, \_\_\_\_\_ School District No. \_\_\_\_

Enclosure: Policy No. 1006, Registered Sex Offenders  
Policy No. 1006F2, Petition for Exception to Policy No. 1006

**PETITION FOR EXCEPTION TO ENTER \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL  
DISTRICT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PREMISES AND/OR ACTIVITIES**

District policy, in compliance with applicable state and local laws, allows the board of trustees, or superintendent or designee, to grant permission, with or without limitations as determined appropriate, to a registered sex offender to enter school premises or activities. Please read the form carefully and complete ALL requested information. Failure to fully complete the entire form may result in denial of the petition.

Full Legal Name:		Home Phone:
Address Line 1 (Street):		Cell Phone:
Address Line 2 (City, State, Zip):		Fax:
Convicted offense(s):		Date of conviction:
Probation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Probation Officer:	Officer Phone:

**Date(s) and Time(s) of Requested Visit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location(s) of Requested Visit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason(s) for Request (check all that apply and provide supporting documentation):**

- Voting in public election during school hours       Taking delivery of mail in the vicinity of school grounds
- Employed as a delivery person; Company/Employer \_\_\_\_\_
- Other legitimate interest: \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent/guardian of a student attending school within the district:

Student 1:	School:	Grade:
Student 2:	School:	Grade:
Student 3:	School:	Grade:
Student 4:	School:	Grade:

Have your parental rights been limited by court order?.....  Yes  No  
(If yes, please attach a copy of the court order)

**Additional Supporting Documentation:**

- Court Order(s)/Pleadings
- Proof of Paternity/Guardianship
- Proof of custody of student(s)
- Statement of "good standing" from Court/Probation Officer
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Idaho, that all statements and information I have provided in this petition and any accompanying documents is true, correct, and complete. I understand that all statements made in this petition are subject to investigation and the \_\_\_\_\_ School District may request additional information or clarification of items herein contained or referred to while considering this petition. I also understand that this exception, if granted, may be revoked by the Board or designee at any time for any reason, and legal redress sought for any injuries, including attorney's fees and costs. Moreover, I understand that any false or dishonest answer may be grounds for denial or subsequent revocation of privileges and also may result in criminal charges being pursued by the State of Idaho and local government to the full extent of the law. **I also agree to indemnify, protect and hold harmless the \_\_\_\_\_ School District No. \_\_\_ from and against any and all claims, liabilities, demands, losses, causes of action, damages, lawsuits, judgments, including attorneys' fees and costs, of whatsoever kind and nature, arising out of or relating to this petition.** In the event of litigation relating to enforcement of the terms of this petition, the non-prevailing party shall reimburse the prevailing party for all reasonable attorney fees and costs resulting therefrom.

Petitioner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY**

Petitioner's request for an exception to *Policy No. 1006, Registered Sex Offenders*, is hereby:

**DENIED**

**APPROVED**, with the following limitations (check all that apply):

- Must be an event in which the child is actually participating or pertains to the child's education.
- Must notify school and have permission from Principal/Superintendent PRIOR to entering school premises for each school-sponsored event.
- Must check-in with Principal/Superintendent upon arriving on school premises.
- Must have a pre-approved escort in school building or at school events.
- Must leave premises immediately upon conclusion of business.
- May NOT visit while school is in session.
- May NOT be alone or unsupervised by a district employee or other pre-approved adult on school grounds or during school-sponsored events.
- Must provide regular updates and documentation based on changes/updates by the Court and/or probation office.
- Other limitation(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Other limitation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ (Authorized Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_ School District No. \_\_\_\_

[School District Street]

[School District City, State, Zipcode]

**RECORD OF VISIT(S)**

Date	Location/Purpose	Time In	Time Out	Signature of School Official

Community participation in this district is important for improving the quality of education for the students. Therefore, this board intends to make every effort to identify the desires of the community and to be responsive to those desires.

Patrons of this district are encouraged to express their ideas, concerns, and judgments through:

1. Written suggestions or proposals;
2. Presentations at public hearings;
3. Responses to survey;
4. Comments at meetings of this board; and
5. Service on citizens advisory committees.

The advice and the concerns of the public will be carefully considered. In evaluation of such advice, the first concern of this board shall be the educational program as it affects students.

**MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION**

No organization may distribute flyers or other materials related to political issues or special interests on school property without having submitted a written request to and received a written approval from the superintendent of schools in advance of the distribution. Only those groups or organizations that have materials directly related to the curriculum and determined by the superintendent to be educationally related may receive approval for distribution.

**RELATIONS WITH OTHER POLITICAL AGENCIES**

Cooperation with law enforcement agencies is essential for the protection of students, for the maintenance of a safe environment in this districts schools, and for the safeguard of all school property.

This district shall also cooperate with other state and local public agencies and those agencies responsibilities and duties that relate to the public school student.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Section 33-506(1)

**ADOPTED:** July 23, 1998

**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016

Patrons and other interested parties in Blackfoot School District No. 55 are welcome to visit the district's schools and administrative office.

Visitors, individuals, or groups, shall by way of courtesy and necessity observe the following:

1. Report to the respective building principal's office.
2. Groups shall make advanced arrangements with and secure the approval of the respective principal.
3. Parent-Teacher visitations are encouraged.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Section 33-506(1)

**ADOPTED:** July 23, 1998

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**GENERAL**

Criticism of school personnel is to be expected from time to time because of the inherent nature of public, tax-supported schools.

It is the general practice of the Board of Trustees of the Blackfoot School District No. 55 to have initial complaints regarding personnel directed to the immediate supervisor of the employee against whom the criticism is lodged. This is done in an effort to take immediate action at the source of the complaint. If a satisfactory solution to the complaint is not arrived at by both parties concerned, the complaint may be referred by either or both parties to the superintendent for a settlement.

The board of trustees does not encourage complaints to come to individual board members. However, if complaints are made in this manner, the matter shall initially be referred to the school district administration.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

When a complaint or criticism against a school district employee is not resolved by the immediate supervisor or the superintendent, the complaint or criticism may be brought before the board of trustees under the following conditions:

1. The complaint or criticism shall be in writing and signed by the individual or individuals registering the grievance.
2. The employee shall be advised of the nature of the complaint and shall be given every opportunity for explanation, comment, and presentation of facts as he or she understands them.
3. If it appears necessary, the administration, the person who made the complaint, or the employee may request an executive session of the board of trustees for the purpose of more complete study and discussion.
4. During the executive session to study a complaint, the board of trustees shall observe the following:
  - A. All individuals concerned, including the school administration, may be present for the purpose of presenting additional facts, making explanations, and clarifying issues.
  - B. Hearsay and rumor shall be discounted as well as emotional feeling, except as those directly related to the facts of the situation.
  - C. The board of trustees shall conduct the meeting in a fair and just manner.



5. Complaints against the board of trustees or individual Board members shall be brought to the attention of the chairman of the board of trustees.
  - A. The board of trustees may discuss complaints about individual board members in executive session. The board of trustees may conduct this executive session in the absence of the superintendent or any other district personnel.
  - B. The board of trustees shall have the sole responsibility of resolving internal complaints. The chairman of the board shall be the first contact when there are internal complaints.
6. Complaints against the superintendent may be brought before individual board members for consideration by the entire board.
  - A. The superintendent shall be notified when complaints are felt to be serious enough to be brought before the entire board.
  - B. Patrons may contact board members or the entire board on actions taken by the board concerning the superintendent.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**  
Idaho Code Section 33-506(1)

**ADOPTED:** July 23, 1998

**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016

Establishing and maintaining good public relations with the community and other governmental organizations requires a concerted effort by the entire school district staff. Each school shall make an effort to inform the public of various educational achievements, activities and goals.

The most important public relations ambassadors are the teachers who work directly with students every day. All employees are encouraged to participate in community activities and demonstrate to the community by their words, attitudes and actions the ideals set forth by this school district.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Section 33-506(1)

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**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016

**COMMUNITY YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES**

All students are encouraged to become involved in the various community youth group activities available. However, no student, as part of a school program, shall be required to participate in non-school community youth group activities.

**SECRET SOCIETIES PROHIBITED**

No person, group or organization shall establish a fraternity, sorority or secret society whose membership is comprised in whole or in part of students enrolled in the public elementary or secondary schools in this district, or solicit a student to become a member of such organization; nor shall students enrolled in any of this district's public schools become a member of such organization, or pledge himself or herself to become a member of any such organization.

A fraternity, sorority or secret society shall be interpreted as any organization, the active membership of which is comprised in whole or in part of students enrolled in this district's schools, and which exists or perpetuates itself wholly or partly by selecting members on the basis of the decision of its membership rather than upon the basis of the right of any student, qualified by the rules and regulations of the school, to be a member. The definition shall not be construed to include organizations institutionally sponsored by agencies of public welfare, such as the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Campfire Girls, the YMCA and YWCA, and similar organizations.

The board may withdraw the rights and privileges of students participating in such secret society or fraternity or sorority, may deny graduation, deprive students of credit, or suspend or expel such students.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections 33-1901 et seq.

**ADOPTED:** July 23, 1998

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School groups may, with the permission of the principal, participate in local public events which fall into the following categories, provided participation is not harmful to the students' normal learning routine:

1. Events sponsored by the school district. Educational events in which the schools serve as hosts shall have priority in scheduling events.
2. Community functions organized in the interests of the schools such as those of the Parent-Teacher Associations.
3. Non-commercial civic occasions of community, city, state, or national interests of sufficient breadth to enlist general community support.
4. Events that are primarily patriotic in nature, such as Veteran's Day.
5. Charity benefit activities, provided such activity has been specifically approved in advance by the principal.
6. Programs sponsored by established, not-sectarian, character building agencies.
7. Programs sponsored jointly by the school district with some other agency.
8. Programs on television or radio which are of a public service nature or provide the school district an opportunity to communicate with the general public.

Student groups, with the permission of the building principal, may participate in nonschool-sponsored public events if such participation furthers an educational objective. A student's participation in any nonschool-sponsored event must be voluntary.

School groups desiring to participate in public events outside of the district wherein these events are not a regularly scheduled activity of the school must request permission to participate from the building principal at least thirty (30) days in advance of the anticipated activity. If any expenditure of school funds is required, prior approval must come from the board. If students travel outside of Idaho on school business, then prior Board of Trustee permission must be obtained.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections 33-506

**ADOPTED:** July 23, 1998  
January 21, 2016

It shall be against school district policy for any teacher or administrator to require any student to enter or participate in any contest sponsored by organizations or groups not part of this school district.

School administrators or teachers shall have the authority to evaluate contests and advise individual students on participation.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections 33-506(1)

**ADOPTED:** July 23, 1998

**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016

Students and employees may voluntarily participate in philanthropic fund drives, local or national, but compulsory participation shall be prohibited.

There shall be no solicitations or collections from students on an individual basis without authorization from the board of trustees.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections 33-506(1)

**ADOPTED:** July 23, 1998

**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016

It shall be against district policy for teachers' or students' groups to undertake any money-raising activity in the school or in the community without the approval of the building principal for such sponsorship.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections 33-506(1)

**ADOPTED:** July 23, 1998

**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016

Class gifts to a school should meet the following criteria:

1. Enhance the educational or aesthetic aspects of the school.
2. Books, library materials, instructional materials, and equipment shall meet standards at least equal to those established for items purchased by the Blackfoot School District.
3. Equipment must be operable by intended users and subject to easy maintenance.
4. Gifts related to buildings and grounds shall be approved by the Board of Trustees after consultation with the Superintendent, and, in some cases with the architect who made the original building plans.
5. Any gift to a school must be acceptable to the principal.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections 33-506(1)

**ADOPTED:** July 23, 1998

**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016



The Superintendent must give prior authorization for any fund raising among staff members. Fund raising among staff members may take place with prior board approval.

No school staff member or any student is to be pressured, whether covertly or overtly, by any other member of the school staff to make a contribution of any form to any organization or group. Any staff member feeling pressure to contribute should report the incident promptly to his or her immediate superior who will report to the Superintendent where prompt action will be taken to end the pressure solicitation.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections 33-506(1)

**ADOPTED:** July 23, 1998  
January 21, 2016

No employee of the school district shall solicit or encourage solicitation of gifts for himself or herself.

While recognizing that action of other individuals or organizations cannot be controlled, it is the intent of the school district to discourage such individuals or organizations from presenting gifts to school employees except in recognition of special occasions or special services rendered to the school or community.

District employees are urged to refuse to accept any gift that would tend to place them or the district in a compromised or embarrassed position.

Teachers are specifically directed not to obligate themselves to give prizes or awards of any intrinsic value to students or accept gifts of consequence from them.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections

33-506(1)

18-1351

18-1356

18-1359

18-1360

**ADOPTED:** July 23, 1998

**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016

It shall be against district policy for any school employees to loan district equipment to individuals or organizations unless such a loan is part of a condition of rental of a school facility.

Nothing in this policy shall prevent the school district from loaning equipment to other taxing units or other agencies in emergency situations.

The board of trustees reserves the right to waive the above policy based on the merit of the request for use of the equipment.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections

33-506

33-601

**ADOPTED:** July 23, 1998

**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016

The advertising of commercial products or services is not permitted in school buildings or on school grounds or properties without administration approval.

This policy does not prevent advertising in student publications which are published by student organizations, subject to administrative control. Free commercially-sponsored teaching aids may be used if the content of the teaching aids is approved by administration.

Solicitation of sales or use of a school name or of this school district to promote any product is not permitted.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Section 33-506(1)

**ADOPTED:** July 23, 1998

**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016

It is the intent of the board of trustees of this district that the district will take reasonable actions to provide a safe environment for all participants and spectators at school-sponsored events. While the board encourages parents and patrons to take an interest in the district's educational programs, including extracurricular activities, and attend those events open to the public, the board has an obligation to maintain an atmosphere of respect, order, and professionalism on district premises and at school-sponsored events.

In addition, this district adopts the sportsmanship standards imposed by the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA). Individuals attending events sponsored by the district and/or IHSAA are expected to demonstrate respect, order, and good sportsmanship.

### **PROHIBITION**

Any conduct, including, but not limited to, verbal and/or physical assault of another individual, on district premises or at school-sponsored events that is determined by school officials to be disruptive to the educational process or detrimental to the morals, health, safety, academic learning, or discipline of students is prohibited.

Additionally, all persons, while on school grounds, are prohibited from willfully threatening, by word or act, to use a firearm or other deadly or dangerous weapon to do violence to any other person on school grounds. Such threats, if known to school personnel, will be immediately reported to law enforcement. For purposes of this policy, "school grounds" means any district- owned property or vehicle, or location where a school-sponsored event is occurring.

### **DENIAL OF ENTRY**

The superintendent or designee has the authority to determine if an individual's conduct violates this policy. In the event such disruption or detrimental conduct is determined to have occurred or is occurring, the individual(s) causing the disruption will be notified in writing, or verbally, to immediately leave the district premises or school-sponsored event. The superintendent or designee may determine that such individuals will be denied entry to future school-sponsored events, upon giving notice to the individual.

In the event the individual(s) refuse to leave or, without permission or invitation, return and enter the district premises or school-sponsored event, it will be deemed to be trespassing and may be referred to law enforcement.

In the event a student or staff member causes the disruption or detrimental conduct, other appropriate disciplinary action may also be imposed.



### **LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections 18-33021; 18-7008; 33-512(11)

**ADOPTED:** March 21, 2002

**AMENDED:** February 22, 2007

**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016

At the beginning of each school year, the district administration will notify parents of each student attending a Title I school that the parents may request, and the administration will provide on parental request, information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including, at a minimum, the following:

1. Whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualifications for licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The teacher's baccalaureate degree major.
4. Any other graduate certificate or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
5. Whether the student is provided service by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

#### **TITLE I SCHOOLS**

Additionally, Title I schools in the district must provide the parent/guardian of each enrolled student the following information in a timely manner:

1. Information on the level of achievement of the parent's child in each of the state academic assessments.
2. Timely notice that the parent's child has been assigned, or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher of a core academic subject who is not highly qualified.

#### **NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

The district or school will provide the notice and information required in this policy in a uniform and understandable written format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that the parents can understand.



#### **LEGAL REFERENCE:**

No Child Left Behind Act, Section 1111(h)(6)  
34 CFR Part 200.61

**ADOPTED:** May 15, 2001

**AMENDED:** August 26, 2004

**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016

It is the policy of this district that military recruiters shall have access to secondary school students, in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided to postsecondary educational institutions and prospective employers, including institutions of Higher Education.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (2001)

**ADOPTED:** April 24, 2003

**REVIEWED:** January 21, 2016  
April 18, 2019

The Blackfoot School District No. 55 is committed to providing equal access to the District’s website to individuals with disabilities. The District will comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (as amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998), to ensure that no student, parent, staff member, or patron will be excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of services, programs or activities of the District because of their disabilities.

The District will measure the accessibility of its website according to the degree to which it conforms to W3C Web Accessibility Initiative’s (WAI) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, the Web Accessibility Initiative Accessible Rich Internet Applications Suite (WAI-ARIA) 1.0 techniques for web content, or to updated versions of these guidelines, except where doing so would impose an undue burden or create a fundamental alteration. This policy applies to all new, updated, and existing web pages as well as all web content produced or updated by the District or provided by third-party vendors.

The District has designated a Website Compliance Coordinator *within the [name of department]*. The Compliance Coordinator will create and facilitate ongoing professional development for all District personnel who develop, load, maintain and/or audit website content and functionality, which will include training on the Web Accessibility Policy and District personnel roles and responsibilities to ensure that web design, documents and multimedia content are accessible. The Compliance Coordinator will conduct biannual [or more frequent] audits of the website and correct inaccessible content in a timely manner.

Individuals who wish to submit a complaint regarding a violation of the ADA, Section 504 or Section 508 related to the District’s website may do so by emailing the Website Compliance Coordinator (name and email address of the compliance coordinator) or by contacting [identify name, title, email and mailing address of alternate contact person, e.g. 504 coordinator, public relations supervisor, business manager, etc.]. Complaints should include:

- Full name of the complainant;
- Date of the complaint;
- Where possible, the web address or URL, along with a detailed description of the problems encountered;
- Solution desired; and
- Phone and email address of the complainant for follow-up.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990  
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act  
Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act

**ADOPTED:** March 15, 2018

**AMENDED:**