

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Bingham High School has become a great school because of the active cooperation of its students. It is our goal to help students develop self-discipline and a strong sense of responsibility. Our rules are based upon the simple code of courteous and considerate behavior toward others. In using them as a guide for your behavior, the atmosphere of the school will be more pleasant. Students should observe the generally accepted and understood rules of common decency in all school related functions and activities.

Conduct and Discipline Jordan School District's Policy AS67 on Discipline of Students and School Expulsion states:

Section 1. Board Policy: The Board recognizes that student discipline is essential to further the educational process and provide an environment conducive to learning. The Board authorizes the Administration to take appropriate action to preserve order among the students and staff and to protect school property. Acts of violence, use or possession of a weapon or facsimile, criminal behavior, and gang activity in or about district schools, property, or activities shall be dealt with in accordance with district policy and the law. (Utah Code 53-A-11-9)

General Norms of Behavior at Bingham High School

1. Students shall demonstrate behavior consistent with the standards of good citizenship in a democratic society. Students shall use accepted patterns of courtesy and decency; respect the rights of others; abide by state and district attendance regulations; and comply with building rules and guidelines.
2. Should a student violate these norms of behavior, certified staff members may take disciplinary action to attempt to modify the student's behavior. In taking disciplinary action, staff members will exercise their best professional judgment.
3. Staff members may use, but are not limited to, the following disciplinary actions:
 - A. In-school suspension
 - B. Behavior contract.
 - C. Community service.
 - D. Restitution for damage/harm.
 - E. Parent/guardian attending class with student.
 - F. Referral to school psychologist.
 - G. Enrollment in anger management class.
 - H. School suspension
 - I. Suspension to a District Level Hearing
 - J. Others as agreed upon by teachers and administrators.

Due process procedures shall be observed whenever either a teacher, or a school administrator, toward a student, directs serious disciplinary action. Due process generally requires, before final disciplinary action is taken, that:

1. The student be advised of the misconduct with which he or she is charged and of the proposed disciplinary action;
2. The student be offered an opportunity to admit or deny the charge/s;
3. The basis of the charges be explained to the student if the student denies the charges;
4. A further opportunity be offered to the student to respond to the charges and the proposed disciplinary penalty; and;
5. The final decision is communicated in writing to the student, and in appropriate cases to the parent.

Grounds for Suspension / Expulsion

Section II. Board Policy AS67, Page 1, B.

Dangerous or Disruptive Conduct The following conduct is defined as "dangerous or disruptive conduct" and is prohibited on school property, at school-sponsored activities, and while traveling in school-funded or school-dispatched vehicles.

1. Possession (regardless of intent), using, selling or attempting to possess, use or sell any firearm, weapon, knife, explosive device, noxious or flammable material, firework, chemical weapon, martial arts weapon or other instrument including those which eject a projectile or substance of any kind, or any replica or facsimile of any of the above, whether functional or nonfunctional, whether designed for use as a weapon or for some other use.
2. Causing, or attempting, threatening or conspiring to cause damage to personal or real property, or causing or attempting, threatening or conspiring to cause harm to a person through:
3. Possession or distribution of drugs or alcoholic beverages.
4. Sexual harassment or fabrication of sexual harassment charges with malicious intent to defame character.
5. Arson – the willful and malicious destruction of any part of a building or its contents or occupants by use of fire or explosive.
6. Burglary – breaking, entering or remaining in a structure without authorization during the hours when the premises are closed to students.
7. Larceny or Stealing – the intentional unlawful taking and/or carrying away of property belonging to or in the lawful possession or custody of another.
8. Criminal Mischief – willful or malicious injury or damage in excess of \$200.00 to public property or to real or personal property belonging to another.
9. Battery – the unlawful and intentional touching or striking of another person against his or her will.
10. Assault – placing another person in fear or apprehension of a harmful or offensive touching, whether or not a touching is actually intended.
11. Hazing – intentional, knowing, or reckless acts of a demeaning or assaultive nature, whether or not consensual, or causing another to so act, in connection, affiliated with or sponsored by Jordan School District, with initiation, admission into, affiliation with, holding office in, or continued membership in any organization where such conduct:
12. Endangers the mental or physical health or safety of another;
13. Involves any brutality of a physical nature such as whipping, beating, branding, calisthenics, bruising, electric shocking, placing harmful substances on another's body, or exposure to the elements;
14. Involves consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance;
15. Involves any physical activity that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of another;
16. Involves any activity that would subject any person to extreme mental stress such as sleep deprivation, extended isolation from social contact or conduct that subjects another to extreme embarrassment, shame or humiliation;
17. Involves use, possession or distribution of controlled substances, drugs, drug paraphernalia, tobacco or alcoholic beverages;
18. Involves threatening comments or statements including but not limited to the use of foul, abusive or profane language;
19. Involves cruelty to animals as provided by law;
20. Is for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, holding office in or as a condition for continued membership in any organization.

21. The perpetrator knew that the victim is a member or a candidate for membership with a school team or school organization to which the perpetrator belongs or belonged within the preceding two years.
22. Involvement in any activity which violates federal, state or local law or regulation, disrupting normal school proceedings, or causing, or attempting, threatening or conspiring to cause other students to violate federal, state or local law or regulation or to disrupt school proceedings, or attempting, threatening or conspiring to do any of these.

Acts of Vandalism

1. Students, who willfully deface, cut, mar, injure, damage, or lose school or staff property may be suspended or otherwise disciplined.
2. Official grade transcripts and diplomas may be withheld until the student or the student's parent(s) or guardian has paid for damage or made appropriate restitution.

Gang-Related Activity

1. Students who are involved in gang-related activity, which is deemed by the Administration to be dangerous or disruptive in a public setting, shall be subjected to disciplinary action.
2. Gang-related activity may include but is not necessarily limited to the following:
 - a. Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign or other things which evidence membership in a gang.
 - b. Use of a name, which is associated with or attributable to a gang.
 - c. Designating turf or an area for gang activities or occupation or ownership.
 - d. Any combination of items a., b, and c.

Fighting This dangerous behavior cannot be tolerated in our school or on school grounds, or at school activities. Students involved in fights will be suspended from school immediately for up to 5 school days. Assault charges will be issued to any student involved in a fight through the local law enforcement agency. Parent conference will be required before a student is allowed to return to school. Mandatory Anger Management classes may also be required by an administrator. Failure to complete this course may result in further suspension from school. Any student found to be encouraging fighting or escalating fighting either verbally or by his or her actions, will be subject to school suspension and a parent conference with the administration. Any student observers found to be unresponsive to requests to leave the scene when an adult is breaking up the fight or any student obstructing school officials trying to restore order will also be subject to suspension. **Fighting will not be tolerated.**

Other Behavior Expectations

Assembly Behavior Students are to be cooperative in every respect during all assemblies. To be cooperative, appropriate, courteous and respectful for other students, faculty, staff, and guests, and patriotic to school traditions, is expected. Cell phones not shut off and put away during assemblies will be confiscated

Cell Phones As per Jordan School District Policy, cell phones are not to be used by students during class times, assemblies, instructional activities or field trips. Students may use their phones during class break, but must not be using their phones in the hallways when they are supposed to be in class. Students having their phones out and/or turned on during the previously mentioned times will have their phones removed from them by faculty or staff, and **a parent or legal guardian must meet with the vice-principal in person to get the phone back.** Multiple infractions may cause a student to lose the privilege of carrying a cell phone at school.

Electronic Devices at School To prevent disruptions to the learning process students are not to use cell phones, CD/DVD/IPOD players, electronic games or other inappropriate electronic items during class, assemblies, field trips, or instructional times at school. Such items used during class time, field trips, or assemblies will be confiscated and returned to the student's parent or legal guardian. Failure to follow these guidelines can result in confiscation of the item.

Student Messages If messages are of an emergency nature, the office staff will make every effort to deliver them without delay. However, it is not possible to accept and hand-deliver each of the telephone messages that come to the high school without interrupting classes and interfering with the learning environment. Students should ask friends and employers to leave messages at their homes, not at school. Students should avoid coming to the office to locate another student unless an emergency exists. Student business should be taken care of before school, during class breaks, or after school. Students **MUST** check out through the attendance office even if they have been paged and/or notified with an emergency message.

Computer Network and Internet Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in any other aspect of school life. Inappropriate computer behavior includes; accessing or trying to access sites that contain pornography or any other controlled sites that would constitute a breach of security. The network is provided as a privilege for students to conduct research and complete classroom/classwork tasks. Network usage and storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Bingham High School reserves the right to review files and communications without prior notice to maintain system integrity and ensure students are utilizing the network appropriately. Failure to comply with district and school rules may result in a loss of network access, disciplinary action by the administration, and referral to law enforcement agencies. Students are required to sign a network, internet use agreement to use school technology services.

Academic Dishonesty Cheating, stealing answers, plagiarizing (**passing off someone else's work as your own - this includes copying statements, paragraphs, or entire papers from the internet without properly citing your source**), and academic dishonesty in any form, including inappropriate use or misuse of the school's computer network, cannot be tolerated in the school environment. Teachers will confiscate all evidence in regards to suspected dishonesty and make a report to the administration. Depending upon the infraction, the penalty may range from parent conference to suspension to a district level hearing.

Bus Behavior Bingham High School students are expected to follow the district guidelines for proper student behavior when riding all school buses. Parents and/or students may obtain specific information regarding transportation eligibility from an Assistant Principal, the Attendance office, or the Registrar's office. Not following bus rules can lead to loss of riding privileges.

Cafeteria Behavior Great pride and effort is taken to create a safe, **CLEAN** eating environment. Your help is needed to maintain this standard. You can help by:

1. Not crowding in line or holding a place for a friend.
2. Deposit all trash in the proper receptacles.
3. Do not sit on the table tops.
4. Ensure that sanitary/safe conditions are maintained by not throwing food or drink.
5. Clean up your mess.

School Dress and Grooming

Students shall dress in a manner that shows respect for the educational environment and is befitting the day's activities. Students' clothing and jewelry must not present a health or safety hazard or distraction, which would disrupt the educational mission. Disruption is defined as reactions by other individuals to the clothing or adornment, which causes the teacher/ administrator to lose the attention of the students, to modify or cease instructional activities, or to deal with student confrontations or complaints. Students failing to comply w/ dress standards will be asked to change clothing, be provided clothing to change into, or sent home until a clothing change is made.

1. Items that disrupt the educational mission shall not be allowed. Personal items such as clothing, paraphernalia, jewelry, backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles, etc., shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignias, which are crude, vulgar, profane, violent, or sexually suggestive.
2. Items which bear advertising, promotions and likeness of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs or which are contrary to the educational mission, shall not be allowed.
3. All students shall maintain their hair, mustaches, sideburns, and beards in a clean, well-groomed manner. Hair, which is so conspicuous, extreme, odd in color or style that it draws undue attention, disrupts, or tends to disrupt or interfere with the learning atmosphere at the school, shall not be allowed.
4. All students shall wear clean clothing. Clothing, jewelry, accessories and piercings which are so conspicuous, extreme, or odd that they may draw undue attention, disrupt, or tend to disrupt, interfere with or pose a health or safety issue to the learning atmosphere at the school, shall not be allowed.
5. Students shall not wear clothes that are mutilated, cut off, or immodest, e.g., short shorts, mini skirts, bare midriffs, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, tank shirts, or similar clothing. Students' shirts will have sleeves. Clothing shall cover the midriff, underwear, backs, and cleavage at all times. Skirts, dresses and shorts must be at least mid-thigh length or longer when seated.
6. Students shall comply with the laws that govern wearing military uniforms and insignias (Title 10, USC §771-772, and Army Regulation 670-1 §29-4).
7. Hats of any kind are not allowed within the building except as part of an approved activity, or for religious, or medical purposes. Hats visible to school personnel will be confiscated and returned to a parent.
8. School officials may require students to wear certain types of clothing for health or safety reasons in connection with certain specialized activities.
9. Gang-related clothing, colors, and paraphernalia shall not be allowed in schools or activities. School officials will determine what constitutes "gang" clothing, colors, and paraphernalia after consultation with law enforcement agencies as needed.
10. Shoes shall be worn at all times that ensure personal safety and hygiene.

Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco A high school is a public, tax-supported institution and is obligated to maintain and uphold the laws of the community and state by which it is created and supported. The Utah State School Law specifically states that it is illegal for high school students to have alcohol or tobacco in their possession. While it is true some high school students do use alcohol or tobacco with the full knowledge, if not the consent of their parents, this in no way relinquishes the school of its responsibility. Therefore, our school policy concerning these agents is as follows:

A student possessing tobacco in the school building, on the school grounds, or at any school sponsored activity will be asked to surrender this material to school personnel and will be issued a Tobacco Violation Report. These reports will be sent to the District Office and then to juvenile court for possible court action. If this procedure fails to achieve the desired results, the student will be suspended from school and a parent conference will be necessary for reinstatement. The use of alcohol and drugs seriously affects a person's behavior and will not be tolerated by school authorities. If a student is found with alcohol or drugs in his/her possession while on school grounds, or if a student comes to school while under the influence, he/she will be suspended from school immediately until a parent conference can be arranged to determine the appropriate steps to be taken according to district Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy AS90.

Jordan School District Policy AS 90: Drugs and Alcohol

1. First offense, use or possession: 10-day suspension or early intervention class attended with a parent.
2. Second offense, use or possession: 45 days suspension from school and activities. A home-based educational program will serve the student during this time.
3. Distribution of illegal or controlled substances (i.e. alcoholic beverages, marijuana, LSD, prescription and/or non-prescription, etc.) results in a 45day suspension with services through home based education.
4. At the third possession violation or the second distribution violation, the suspension with alternative home-based education will be 180 days. (One full school year)
5. Students having more than one day's supply of any controlled substance in their possession, whether prescriptions from the doctor or bottles of patent medicines purchased legally, will be charged with possession of a controlled substance and will be suspended according to the first offense. (See number 1).
6. Being uninformed or unaware of the details of policy AS90 does not give any student immunity from the consequences of violation of the policy.

Medications - If it is absolutely necessary for a student to take medication during school hours, the following guidelines apply:

Prescription Medication - must be in the original labeled container stating the name of student, name of medication, amount, time to be taken, prescriber's name and current date. At no time should a student have more than one day's dosage (8 hour dosage) in their possession on any given day.

Non-Prescription Medication (over-the-counter medication): BHS students may carry and consume over-the-counter medication as directed according to the following policy.

- The medication must be in its original container
- The student must carry a written statement from parent/guardian requesting self-administration with the medication not to exceed an 8 hour supply
- The student may not share (distribute) ANY medication in ANY amount with other students. Doing so will result in disciplinary action by the school.

Fines will be assessed to cover the cost of damage or loss of school property such as books, desks, etc. Students must pay all fines and other financial responsibilities by the end of each quarter.

Profanity/Obscene Language Students are expected to be orderly and well mannered in their conduct at school. The use of profanity and obscene language is not acceptable by school policy, by district policy, and by Utah law. Consequences may be suspension, expulsion and/or charged with a Class "C" misdemeanor. (Utah - Section 1, 53A-11-904).

Public Display of Affection Our school environment is important to us, and we wish to present ourselves to the public as well mannered and self-disciplined. You can help us do this by refraining from displays of affection while in school. This may include kissing, inappropriate touching, etc.

Sexual Harassment: A form of sex (gender) discrimination. It consists of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and/or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is based on one or more of the following conditions.

1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly as a term or condition to educational benefit.

2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by a student is used as the basis for decisions affecting the student's educational program.
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's educational performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment.

There are two types of sexual harassment:

- a. Hostile Environment: The three levels of hostile environment are the same as those listed for other harassment; e.g., generalized harassment, individually targeted harassment, and criminal harassment.
- b. Harassment that culminates in a tangible action which alters the conditions of the educational programs (previously called quid pro quo).

Harassment: Unwelcome conduct of an offensive nature that is demeaning or derisive or occurs substantially because of the race, color, ethnic background, national origin, religion, gender, creed, age, citizenship or disability and which creates a hostile educational environment. Any form of harassment will not be tolerated at Bingham High School.

The terms "intimidating," "hostile," and "offensive" include conduct which has the effect of humiliation, embarrassment, or discomfort. Examples of sexual harassment include unwelcome touching, crude jokes or pictures, discussion of sexual experiences, teasing related to sexual characteristics, and spreading rumors related to a person's alleged sexual activities. Students, who believe they are victims of sexual harassment or have witnessed sexual harassment, are encouraged to discuss the matter with an Assistant Principal. Complaints are kept confidential to the extent possible given the need to investigate. Students who make good faith complaints will not be disciplined.

School Dances and Other Activities are for Bingham High School students only. Students must have school ID to be admitted into a stomp or dance. Students must have school ID to be admitted free to home games. Bingham High School has the best stomps, dances and games around. Students have a right to expect a safe environment when they attend activities. The faculty and administration do not want students hurt at activities that are intended for students to have fun. Parents expect that Bingham High School activities should be safe for their students. Therefore, if/when a student takes part in creating an unsafe environment, they will be asked to leave immediately. If a student is removed from a stomp or a dance, they may not be allowed to attend any more stomps or dances for the remainder of the school year. Such unsafe activities might include (but are not limited to) moshing, pushing and shoving (which could result in injury), riding on someone else's shoulders, or any other activity that could result in injury to oneself or other students or that shows intentional disregard or disrespect for students or adults. If a student is removed from a game or other athletic event, they may not be allowed to attend any more games or athletic events for the remainder of the school year. Such unsafe activities may include (but are not limited to) pushing and shoving in a way that could result in injury, body surfing, aggression towards players, officials or fans from the guest school, throwing things in the bleachers, or any other activity that could result in injury to oneself or other students, or that shows intentional disregard or disrespect for students or adults. Students coming to Stomps in immodest or provocative clothing, which does not reflect the standards of our community, will be required to change before entering the dance. Students dancing inappropriately (grinding, lap dancing, etc.) will be removed from the dance (without a refund), and parents will be notified of the inappropriate behaviors.

