

Profile

Bruneau—Grand View—Oreana Joint School District No. 365

The towns of Bruneau, Grand View, and Oreana share the distinction of being “home” for Joint School District No. 365. The towns are located in the southwest portion of Idaho bordering the famous Snake River. Oreana is 20 miles west of Grand View and Bruneau is 18 miles east of Grand View.

Farming, cattle, and sheep contribute substantially to the district’s economy. The gently rolling desert lands of this area are surrounded by sagebrush, rimrocks, and mountains. The C.J. Strike power plant and dam are located eight miles southeast of Grand View. The district is traversed east and west by State Highway 78 and Interstate 80. Boise, the capital city of Idaho, is approximately a 70-mile drive with the nearest air transportation facilities. The nearest major shopping and retail centers are located in Boise (70 miles), Nampa (65 miles), Mountain Home (28 miles), and Twin Falls (100 miles). Portland, Oregon, which is the nearest seaport terminal, is 495 miles to the west and Salt Lake City, Utah, is located 408 miles to the southeast. Financial services are provided by the West One Bank with a branch office in Grand View.



The district’s population is estimated at 2000 with about 550 students in the public schools. The towns of Bruneau, Grand View, and Oreana, with a combined population estimated at 600 are small attractive communities. Residents are proud of the majestic scenery and quiet, uncrowded living conditions. Annual temperatures average a maximum of 73.5 and a minimum of 33.3.



Recreational activities abound with hunting and fishing available locally. C.J. Strike reservoir provides water skiing, swimming, boating, and fishing opportunities. The famous Sun Valley snow skiing recreational area is just a two-hour drive. The Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park and the Bruneau Canyon, forged by the Bruneau River, are two of nature’s most unusual creations.

The District has three schools. Bruneau Elementary (80 students), Grand View Elementary (235 students), and Rimrock Jr/Sr High School (235 students). In May of 1992 a \$2.5 million bond was passed to remodel and add to both elementary schools and to up-grade Rimrock Jr/Sr High School. The Rimrock facility includes a college-size court gymnasium, 400 seating capacity auditorium plus modernly equipped cafeteria, large library, 19 classrooms, and is completely networked technologically. The elementaries are provided with Chapter I, Special Education services, P.E., as well as, the regular classrooms.

Area churches: L.D.S.-one church located in the center of the district; Catholic-one in each community; Protestant-Community Churches in both Grand View and Bruneau.