



2026 - 2027 Elementary Student Handbook

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year, Bruneau, Grand View, and Oreana families, students, and staff!

We are excited for a year of learning, growth, and working together. This year, we will continue focusing on the Nine Characteristics of High-Performing Schools:

- **A clear, shared vision**
- **High expectations for all students**
- **Strong school leadership**
- **Teamwork and open communication**
- **Teaching and learning that follow Idaho state standards**
- **Regular checks on student learning and teaching**
- **Ongoing learning for staff**
- **A safe and supportive learning environment**
- **Strong family and community involvement**

We will continue using the Idaho Core Standards in our classrooms. These standards help guide what students learn at each grade level. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please ask—we're happy to help!

One request we have is that you stay connected with your child's teacher throughout the year. When children see their families involved in school, they understand that education is important. We believe students are most successful when families and schools work together, and our teachers and staff are delighted to partner with you throughout the year.

This handbook is designed to help your child stay organized and build positive habits for success. Thank you for your continued support of your child and our school. We look forward to working together!

School Mission:

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

Our Vision:

Our learners are capable, confident, and embrace learning.

Elementary Agreements:

In supporting the district-wide vision and core values, we expect all staff, students, and patrons in the school to demonstrate:

Respect	Integrity	Effort
This means taking care of people, property, and your surroundings. It means using kind words, listening to others, following rules, using materials the right way, and valuing everyone's time and effort.	This means doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. It means being honest, keeping your promises, and making good choices—even when it's hard	This means trying your best, even when something is challenging. It means not giving up, staying focused, and working hard to reach your goals

Elementary Office & Phone Hours

Monday-Thursday

7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Children are not to be at school any earlier than 7:30 a.m.

DISTRICT PHONE LIST

- Bruneau Elementary -- 208-845-2492
- Grand View Elementary -- 208-834-2775
- Rimrock Jr. Sr. High -- 208-834-2260
- District Office -- 208-834-2260

*Please reference the district website;
<http://www.sd365.us> for all district policies.*

ADDRESSING PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS

We want to work together to make sure all children are safe and ready to learn when they walk into our school doors. We know that questions and concerns can arise over time. If you have a question or concern, we ask you to follow the appropriate steps to create the best communication in our schools.

- First, contact the **child's classroom teacher** to set up a conference time to clear up and address any questions, concerns, or miscommunications. Going directly to the teacher with concerns helps strengthen your relationship with your child's teacher and sets an example for our students to go directly to the person we have a concern with, whenever possible.
- If further attention is needed the second step is to contact the front office where a scheduled time will be established to meet with the **principal**.
- If your concerns have not been resolved regardless of ongoing communication and collaboration from both the teacher and the principal, the third step is to contact the Rimrock secretary to schedule a time with our District's **Superintendent**.
- If further action is needed and all the above communication has been made, please look to your school **board representative** for further assistance.

It is essential that scheduled meetings are established prior to showing up to a classroom or the office to address concerns so that ample time is provided to work through the situation. This allows teachers and staff to prepare and avoid any interruptions in their classroom teaching. Our office staff is always willing to work with you to help set up a time to meet.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE (Policy 3330)

Our school's discipline model comes from the Love & Logic model, *Schoolwide Discipline Without the Loopholes*, by Jim Fay: if you would like to borrow a copy of this book, we would love to share it with you. From this philosophy, our teachers have established strategies to guide our decisions for helping students work through discipline issues. These principles are:

- Students should be responsible for solving their own problems and adopting new behaviors, with adult guidance provided the solution does not make a problem for others.
- We should make every attempt to maintain the dignity of both the student and the adult during a disciplinary situation.
- Students should be given the opportunity to make decisions; they should see a reasonable connection between their actions and the



consequences that follow.

- Misbehavior should be handled with natural or logical consequences instead of punishment, whenever possible.

Our goal is to ensure that when discipline is necessary, we're treating each student as an individual, and with respect during the process. As with parenting, discipline stems out of the concern and care for the student, the student body, and the school community.

STUDENT CONDUCT - (Definitions)

Peer Conflict	Bullying	Harassment
• One time or isolated event • Balance of power exists between students • Not a group picking on one student • Students are willing to work out conflict with assistance OR leave each other alone...	• Carried out repeatedly over time • Imbalance of power • Intentional, planned harm doing • Often unprovoked • Aggression can be carried by a single individual or a group. • Can be physical, verbal, relational, or electronic (cyberbullying)	• Aggressive behavior focused on a student's race, national origin, religion, color, disability, or sex. • Behavior is severe, persistent or pervasive enough to interfere with a student's ability to participate in or benefit from

NO TOLERANCE POLICY

We have a no-tolerance policy that could result in immediate suspension and possible involvement of law enforcement. Some of the infractions include but are not limited to:

- Fighting
- Possession of weapons of any kind
- Possession of drugs or alcohol

ITEMS FROM HOME

Students are not to bring non-academic items from home. These include sports equipment, electronics, toys, trading cards, stuffed animals, games etc. Occasionally teachers may allow students to bring items for celebrations. This will be communicated by the teacher to the parents. Bruneau-Grand View cannot accept responsibility for lost, stolen or broken items from home.

ENROLLMENT FORMS

The first time you enroll your child in our school, you fill out an enrollment form. It is required by law that we have your student's birth certificate on file, and proof of

guardianship and/or custody agreements/divorce decree.

Please make sure all phone numbers and addresses are accurate.

Most importantly, please make sure we have the name, phone numbers, and/or email addresses of persons who can be contacted in case you cannot be reached.

Please notify the school if you change addresses, jobs, or phone numbers during the school year.

TRANSFERS (Policy 3000)

Moving Out of District: Please contact the office prior to any move to allow staff to gather all your children's materials. We will transfer records directly to the new school once a request form has been sent to our office but you are welcome to request a copy as well. Prior to withdrawing, all library books and school materials must be returned, your child's belongings must be picked up, and fees must be paid.

In District: If you are wishing to enroll your child in another school in the district without a move-in location, you must first schedule a meeting with the building principal then follow the procedures according to district policy. A written request with the reason for transfer must be completed. A team will meet to determine if this is the best solution for the child, family, and school success. The decision will be based on class sizes and other factors. If approved, busing will not be provided for your child to attend the other elementary school.

INCLEMENT WEATHER (Policy 2210)

Children should dress appropriately for the weather each day. Children need to have fresh air and exercise as part of their school day. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed. All children will go outside for fresh air and a classroom break. If they are well enough to attend school, they will join all other classmates outside.

Children will stay indoors during extremely cold days (10 degrees or colder) or extremely smoky days (>200 AQI). If school is canceled due to inclement weather, families will be notified via all-call and it will be posted on the website and social media.

PARENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The school district utilizes a parent notification system that will reach a parent, guardian, grandparent, etc. about any important information the child/parent may need. The information will be delivered over the phone lines, as a text message on your cell phone, or as an email. Each parent/guardian can submit up to 14 phone numbers and 5 email addresses. Anything sent from the school will go to all these contacts. The system will be used for the district or school-wide information (e.g., school closures) or from a teacher to parents about specifics for his or her class (e.g., field trips, tests, projects,

homework) and even for PTA/PTO news.

OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS

The purpose of off-campus events is to serve as an enrichment to the school's current curricula. These off-campus activities will have an educational-basis and be part of the classroom's curriculum purpose. Teachers work hard to create fun innovative lessons that, at times, take students off school grounds. Past educational experiences have included walks around town, a visit to the local post office or library, fitness walks, field trips out of town, and outdoor exploration. Please know that during these times your children are with the staff. The activities have been organized in a safe manner. A release for student participation in such events is included in the registration packet and will be kept on file for the year.

DRESS CODE (Policy 3255)

Students and visitors to the school shall dress in a manner that shows respect for themselves and the educational environment. Students' clothing must not present a health or safety hazard (If there is a question, contact the principal), a distraction or interference to the learning process. All personal clothing, jewelry, or other items should be free of writing, pictures, or other insignias, which are crude, vulgar, profane, violent, or sexually suggestive. These items should not bear advertising or likeness of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs. Students should be clean when they come to school and wear clothes that do not show underwear or are immodest in any way, e.g., short shorts, mini-skirts, bare midriffs, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, tank shirts, pajamas and similar clothing. Students should not wear hats or headgear in the building (though they may wear them at recess). Students are not permitted to walk in bare feet - some type of shoe shall be always worn to ensure personal safety and hygiene.

ACCIDENTS

If your child is injured at school, we will make him or her comfortable and call you immediately if a serious injury has occurred. If you cannot be reached, we will attempt to contact the emergency numbers you have listed.

CARE OF TEXTBOOKS

Students are responsible for all textbooks and library books issued to them during the school year. The student to whom they were issued must pay for all lost or damaged books. Should a lost book be found after the student has paid for it, the money will be refunded when the book is brought to school.

ATTENDANCE

Students cannot perform well academically when they are frequently absent. When many students have low attendance in classes, such behavior *undermines* the capacity of all students and teachers to pursue high-quality education. (From: Habits Hard to Break)

Students, parents, and educators recognize that consistent attendance results in the safety of students, educational benefits, and success that builds self-esteem in children. In our school, we encourage and set a goal for all students and staff to achieve a 95% attendance rate for the entire school year.

Policy 3050

All elementary school students are required to arrive at school on time, remain in school for the entire day and to attend school regularly at least 90% of the time school is in session. If a student misses more than 10% of school during the entire school year, he or she will be referred to the attendance committee and may be denied promotion to the next grade.

Tardies

A student is tardy if he or she is not in the assigned classroom before 9:00 am. Tardies caused by a late bus will not be counted on the student's record. The principal may excuse student tardies because of inclement weather or extenuating circumstances. Students who arrive at school after the tardy bell rings must check in at the office. Please note: 6 tardies will count as 1 school absence.

Early Dismissal

A child released from school early is missing educational opportunities. It is essential to remain in school until the end of the school day. If you need to pick up your child before school is dismissed, you must report to the office. You will need to sign your child out and the school secretary will get your student for you. An early dismissal constitutes any release prior to the school bell dismissal regardless of time. We are working to limit classroom interruptions and ask that you please keep your children in school until the bell rings.

CALCULATING ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE

Absence from class for any reason, including family convenience and vacations will be counted when the percentage of attendance is calculated. Except in extraordinary circumstances, students are expected to be present at school and in their assigned grades. Extraordinary circumstances may include, but are not limited to:

- verified illness or medical treatment with proper documentation from a licensed health official
- involvement in an accident or malady that would preclude regular attendance with the proper documentation from a licensed health official
- death in the family or death of close friends
- medical or dental professional appointments with documentation.

Notification to School for Student Illness

If your child is absent, please call the school to report the absence. Please accompany this with any doctor's notes in regard to the reason for the absence.

NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCES:

Parents will be notified in writing when a student reaches 3, 6, and 10 absences, determined at the end of each quarter. The second and third attendance notices may be followed up with a phone call home, a home visit, an attendance review hearing, and possibly non-promotion to the next grade, depending on the circumstances.

DENIAL OF PROMOTION

Students not meeting the promotion criteria for attendance requirements may not be promoted even though they may have passing grades. The parent/guardian who has valid reasons to believe that all or parts of the absences are the result of extraordinary circumstances may file a written request for review by the building principal. Such requests must be made within five (5) days of receiving notice of the denial. The building principal will review the records and the circumstances and determine options for each individual child. Following is the criteria that will be used to make its determination:

- Attendance for the current and previous year or semester
- Grades for the current and previous year or semester
- Makeup of work missed, including whether the work was made up prior to the absence or after the absence
- Makeup of time missed in supervised attendance during the school year (such as after-school tutoring) or during the period immediately following the completion of the school year (summer school).

The decision may be appealed first to the principal and then the superintendent. This appeal must be submitted to the principal and then the superintendent within ten (10) days after the attendance committee submits its decision. The principal and or superintendent will render a decision on the appeal within ten (10) days after receiving the appeal. The final determination may warrant the Board's determination in this matter.

ABSENT WORK

When a child is absent, taking the work home can never make up for the classroom interactions and discussions held that lead children to knowledge and learning.

Although teachers will make every effort to support your child to make up work, please understand that this does not replace the education and workload that they complete when in school.

If you would like your student's work after an absence, please request the work from the teacher *after* your student returns to school.

FOOD SERVICES

Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District Nutrition Department provides nutritious meals for the students in the district. The meal program is planned to meet the nutritional needs of the students. Adults may purchase meals in the cafeteria. Adults will receive the same meal as a secondary student at the adult price *as these meals are not subsidized by the state*. Applications for free and reduced-price meals are to be filled out and must list all students in the family. Applications may be picked up at school or you may get them off the website. If your income changes during the year you may fill out an application at any time. Each household must fill out a new application at the beginning of the school year even though their student(s) were on the program the previous year.

Lunch Prices for Bruneau-Grand View School District for 2026-2027

- **Adults & Seconds \$5.30**
- **Elementary \$3.95**

Policy 8245:

To help keep our school meal program running smoothly, families are encouraged to keep their child's meal account funded.

Meal Accounts

Students may purchase meals as long as there are funds available in their meal account. If a meal account has a **negative balance**, students may continue to charge up to **8 meals or \$50**, whichever comes first. Once that limit is reached, no additional meals may be charged until the negative balance is paid. Students may still purchase a meal by paying at the time of service.

À La Carte Items

Extra or à la carte items cannot be charged to a meal account with a negative balance.

Notifications

Families will be notified when a meal account reaches a zero balance and again when

the balance reaches \$-40.00. If the balance remains unpaid after multiple notices, the District may begin collection procedures as allowed by law.

MEDICATION (Policy 3510)

Please contact the school to get an "Authorization for Self-Administered Asthma/ Emergency Medication" form to allow school officials to administer medicine if it becomes necessary. Call the school office if you have any questions.

SCHOOL PARTIES

If your child has a birthday during the school year, please check with your child's teacher to set up a time to celebrate. **Our school celebrates birthdays on the last Thursday of the month**, in order to maximize classroom instruction times (birthdays are not celebrated on the day of the student's birthday).

Snacks and Treats (Approval Required – Allergies)

We ask that you bring healthy snacks and treats to school while limiting sugar and please, no candy. If you want ideas about what to bring, please contact the front office. If you plan to bring in snacks, please contact your child's teacher to make arrangements, first. REMEMBER: we do have students with food allergies. Some foods may cause allergic reactions and serious illness. Please check with the office or your child's teacher before bringing snacks for special events.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

Bus, walking, and parent pick-up schedules for children will not be changed without written or verbal requests from the child's parent - please call the front office. Students will not be allowed to make arrangements during school time to go home with a friend. Notes from parents making any changes to a child's travel plans must include the names of all children included in the plan. If a child's name is not on the note, he or she will follow his or her regular daily plan. **Please notify the school in advance and or NO LATER than 3:30 PM** on the day of the change. If no notification is received, your child will follow his or her regular method of getting home. We will not interrupt teachers during class time so it is essential to let the front office know of any changes in transportation for the day as early as possible to relay the messages in a timely manner.

BUS RULES (Policy 8140)

All students riding a school bus are expected to follow the rules and conduct themselves in a manner to provide safety for all aboard. If you have a problem or concern regarding the bus, you must first contact the bus driver. If unable to resolve your problems, you

can contact the bus supervisor, Rita Hall

- Students must always obey their bus driver.
- Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited.
- Students must not throw paper or other rubbish on the floor of the bus or out the windows.
- Students should not have toys or electronics on the bus that cause a distraction to the driver or cause conflict with other students. If there is an abuse of these items, the driver will take away the toy/electronic device.
- Students will not extend arms or heads out of the bus windows.
- Any student, who behaves inappropriately, using inappropriate language, or being disrespectful to the driver or other students, forfeits the right to ride the bus.

BUS MISCONDUCT PROCEDURE

- A bus misconduct report will be issued when a student does not follow the rules. This is issued by the bus driver. The principal and transportation director will be informed of the incident and the report filed in his/her office.
- A student may be suspended from the bus, on a 1st occurrence, if they violate the safety of another passenger or the driver.
- A second bus misconduct report will result in the student being suspended from the bus until the parent has contacted the bus driver, transportation supervisor, or principal in order to address the problem.
- A third notice is issued; the same procedure shall be followed as outlined for the second notice except the transportation supervisor shall automatically suspend the student from riding the bus for **five days**.
- Any further warnings could result in revoking the student's riding privileges for the remainder of the school year. Riding the bus is a privilege. Any serious infraction could be a reason for revoking riding privileges on the first offense.

VOLUNTEERS (Policy 4600)

We love and rely on volunteers! Your time and support helps our teachers, shows students you care about their learning, and strengthens our school community. When you volunteer, you're actively supporting the teacher and classroom—not just observing. Please connect with your child's teacher about volunteer opportunities. Many teachers use sign-up sheets to help make the most of your time and ensure it benefits students. To volunteer regularly, state law requires a completed application and background check. Don't worry—we're happy to help with the paperwork! Just a reminder: volunteers should avoid disrupting learning and will need to make other arrangements for younger children during classroom visits.

VISITORS TO SCHOOL (Policy 4140)

While the District encourages visits by Trustees, parents, and citizens to all District buildings, all visitors are required to report to the front office upon entering any District building. For these reasons, the following policy applies to visitors to the school:

- All persons who are not regular staff members or students at the school will be termed "visitors".
- All visitors on school property during school hours must sign in at the school main office upon arrival at the school.
- All visitors must wear a school-issued badge identifying them as a "visitor".
- All visitors who wish to observe a classroom while school is in session are required to coordinate such visits in advance with the principal and the teacher, for the purpose of ensuring that class disruption is minimized.
- Visitors are expected to refrain from speaking with teachers during class time and correspondingly, teachers are not authorized to discuss individual matters with visitors while class is in session.

Student Visitors

Students who are not enrolled in the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District cannot attend school with other children. If a parent wants to bring them to visit during the lunch hour or arrange an opportunity for him or her to visit a classroom, this must be arranged ahead of time and a parent must be present. Please make sure to contact the office and classroom teacher to approve the visit.

CLASSROOM DISRUPTIONS-MESSAGES FOR STAFF

During the school day classes **will not** be interrupted except for an emergency. The office staff will not interrupt teachers during class to relay information to teachers or students. It is very important that any messages or changes of plans be sent to the office in the morning to allow adequate time to ensure messages are received. The front office will take all calls during the school day. Any or all messages will either be placed in staff mailboxes or sent to staff voicemail. Staff will have access to messages and calls during their planning and break times when students are not working with the teacher.

All-School Student/Parent Handbook Agreement Form 2026-2027 School Year

Please visit our district website (sd365.us) to access a copy of our Student Handbook then sign and return only this page to your school secretary.

I have read a current copy of the Parent/Student Handbook. In doing so, I have explained the content of this document to my child(ren). I acknowledge and agree to the policies obtained therein and will require my child(ren) to comply with the policies which apply to students.

I also realize during my child's enrollment at the school I will be informed from time to time, formally or informally, of various changes in school policies. I understand the school reserves the right to change policies at any time with or without advance notice.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

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Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Formulario de Acuerdo del Manual Estudiantil y para Padres/Tutores de Toda la Escuela Año Escolar 2026–2027

Por favor, visite el sitio web de nuestro distrito (sd365.us) para acceder a una copia del Manual del Estudiante. Después de revisarlo, firme y devuelva únicamente esta página a la secretaria de su escuela.

He leído la versión actual del Manual para Padres y Estudiantes. Al hacerlo, he explicado el contenido de este documento a mi(s) hijo(s). Reconozco y acepto las políticas incluidas en el manual y me comprometo a que mi(s) hijo(s) cumpla con las políticas que se aplican a los estudiantes.

También entiendo que, mientras mi(s) hijo(s) esté(n) inscrito(s) en la escuela, recibiré información, de manera formal o informal, sobre cualquier cambio en las políticas escolares. Comprendo que la escuela se reserva el derecho de modificar sus políticas en cualquier momento, con o sin previo aviso.

Nombre del Estudiante: _____ Grado: _____

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Nombre del padre/madre/tutor: _____ Fecha: _____

Firma del padre/madre/tutor: _____ Fecha: _____