

Security

It is the duty and responsibility of all school employees to safeguard and individually protect property of the school district. Teachers will be responsible for seeing that their classroom doors and windows are properly secured before leaving the building at the close of the school day. Students will be instructed to use school-owned equipment in the proper way, and will be encouraged to show respect for public and private property at all times.

Key Control System

Access to school buildings and grounds after regular school hours will be limited to personnel whose work requires it. An adequate key control system will be established which will limit access to buildings, and specific areas in buildings, to authorized personnel and will safeguard against entrance to buildings by persons unauthorized to have keys. All staff members will turn their keys into their building principals during checkout at the close of each school year to provide for ease and efficiency of building maintenance, technology upgrades, and to conserve resources. Staff members having an educational need to be in the buildings during a portion of the summer, such as summer school, will be provided keys during that time.

Identification and Right to Eject

School personnel have the right to require identification of any person on school property. Also, the principal or his designee may refuse to allow persons with no legitimate business to enter school grounds and/or may eject any undesirable person from school grounds if that person refuses to leave peacefully upon request. Building principals will establish, and enforce, procedures whereby all visitors to each school must check in at the office before entering the rest of the building.

Violations of State Law

Persons who violate state law provisions regarding trespassing on school grounds, damaging and/or defacing school property, or loitering, will be subject to the full range of the criminal laws of the state. It is the intent of the board of trustees to seek damages as permitted by law from students (and/or their parents or guardians) who vandalize school property.

Security Personnel

Security personnel may be employed where necessary. Officers from the Owyhee County Sheriff's office will be called upon when needed.

Damage Reports

Damage of any nature to school property, whether willful or otherwise, will be reported upon detection to the principal, who will then report to the superintendent. Administration will report to the board and contact law enforcement if needed. The name of the person(s) responsible will be submitted, if known. Any break-ins will be reported without delay to the principal whether damage is noted or not. Care will be taken to avoid disturbing fingerprints and other evidence.

Student Responsibility

Students are expected to cooperate in the care of buildings and equipment. Teachers and principals will be alert to see that buildings and furniture are not marked or abused. Students who abuse the buildings or equipment will be disciplined and may be required to pay for the damage incurred. Students who are caught vandalizing school property may be suspended.

Legal source: Idaho Code 33-512 “Governance of schools”
 Idaho Code 33-205 “Denial of school attendance”
 Idaho Code 18-6409 “Disturbing the peace”

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