

South Junior High

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Student/Parent Handbook

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South Junior High

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This Time Tracker Belongs To:

Name _____

Address _____

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Locker # _____

OFFICE STAFF

Principal	Dr. Kathleen McCurdy
Asst. Principal	Mr. Mark Bleazard
Counselors:	Marcy Smith (7 th)
	Conrad Johnston (8 th)
	John Ruprecht (9 th)
Resource Officer	
Registrar	Jennette Clark
Attendance Secretary	Kathie Noble
Counselors' Secretary	Terrie Sturges
ELL Teacher	(contact for translator)



SOUTH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide the opportunity for all students to obtain the best possible education in a pleasant and safe environment.

Class Schedule

Period	Class	Room	Teacher
1			
2			
3			
4			
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7			
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Aug. 25 **Opening day of school – 1/2 day for students- Noon Dismissal**

Sept. 1 **Labor Day Holiday (No school)**

Sept. 12 **District In-service (No school for students)**

Oct. 2,3 **State Workshops (No school for students)**

Nov. 6,7 **Parent Conferences – 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Nov. 7 **District In-service (No school for students)**

Nov. 27,28 **Thanksgiving Vacation Noon dismissal**

Dec. 22-Jan. 2 **Winter Break Noon Dismissal**

Jan. 14-16 **Semester Finals Early Dismissal**

Jan. 19 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No school)**

Feb 13 **District In-service (No school for students)**

Feb 16 **President’s Day (No School)**

March 6 **Building Professional Activities Early Dismissal**

Mar. 23-27 **Spring Break**

April 10 **Secondary Professional Development Activities (Early Dismissal)**

May 1 **Building Professional Activities Early Dismissal**

May 26,5 **Memorial Day (No school)**

June 4 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (Early dismissal)**

ACADEMICS

PROGRESS REPORTS AND REPORT CARDS

Progress reports are sent home with students after the first four weeks of each quarter. Report cards are sent home with students each quarter. Fourth quarter grades (final grades) are mailed home two weeks after the close of school.

SCHOOL RECORDS

The registrar is the custodian of all school records. If you need a transcript, you must contact the registrar.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Students are expected to attend school 90% of each semester. Excessive absences may result in loss of credit and/or retention. To ensure that students are given credit for their attendance, please observe the following policies:

1. Parents must call the school to excuse an absence. **Please call the 24-hour attendance recorder at 854-6114.** The school's computer will automatically call the student's home if there has been no call to the school.
2. An absence, which is not excused after two (2) days, will result in a truancy. A truancy is an absence which has not been excused by the student's parent or guardian. Students will be allowed to make-up missed work and will receive a minimum of 50% of the grade earned.
3. Students who arrive at school after the tardy bell need to report to the main office to obtain a pass to class. Students who miss 20 or more minutes of any class will receive an absence for that class.
4. If a student has an appointment (doctor, dentist, orthodontist, etc.), he/she must obtain a permit to leave (PTL) to leave the school premises. PTL's are available in the office prior to the beginning of first period and are issued when the student presents a note from a parent or after the parent calls and requests a PTL. Parents are encouraged to call the school prior to 9:00 AM to request a PTL.
5. A Prearranged Absence Form must be obtained from the attendance secretary if the student is to be absent for an extended period of time. It is the student's responsibility to obtain assignments to be given during that period of time. After the student has spoken to his/her teachers and the parent signs the form, it is returned to the assistant principal in the main office.
6. Tardies: please refer to District Policy #3121 and #3140.

7. Students must leave campus by 3:00 p.m. unless involved in a supervised activity.

SCHOOL SERVICES

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria is open before school, during morning break, and during both scheduled lunch periods. The following behavior policies must be observed to make the lunch periods run smoothly and to allow lunch time to be enjoyable for everyone: No cutting or saving places in line, clean up after yourself, and no food, drinks, or candy outside the lunchroom.

LIBRARY

The library is open from 7:30 AM until 3:30 PM, including both lunch periods. The library has two full time staff members to assist students. Students will need their agenda books to visit the library independently to read current magazines, to do research, to use the computers or simply to read for pleasure. Students must have their identification/activity card to check out material from the library.

LOCKERS & BACKPACKS & PURSES

Students will be assigned a locker to store books and personal belongings. Sharing lockers is not permitted. A student must not give his/her locker combination to anyone. A \$3.00 maintenance fee will be charged to each student. The lockers remain the property of South Junior High. School officials reserve the right to inspect lockers at any time and for any reason. The school is not responsible for stolen items. Students can use a backpack to carry books to and from home. Once at school students will be required to store their backpacks and purses in their lockers.

SCHOOL NURSE

South Junior High has a full time nurse whose duties include teaching various classes at area elementary schools. She is here to provide first aide, administer medications, and to answer questions that parents may have regarding their students' health. It is not the function of the school nurse to replace the family doctor and, therefore, she does not function in a diagnostic capacity.

To see the nurse, a student must have the pass page of their agenda notebook filled out by a teacher or staff member. Parents will be called to pick their student up from school if the student is determined to be too ill to attend class.

Parents need to contact the nurse at the beginning of every school year if their student has any serious medical problems. Please do not assume a previous school will pass on this information.

MEDICATIONS

Prescription medications should be given at home, however at times a medication will need to be given at school. Please bring the medication in the original container and the nurse will help you with the appropriate procedure.

The nurse keeps acetaminophen and ibuprofen in the health office. Parents must sign a release form each year in order for the nurse to give their student these medications.

Students requesting medication for minor pain will be encouraged to try an alternative to taking medication. If not successful, medication for pain may be given. Frequent requests for pain medication will be discussed with the parent.

We do not encourage parents to bring over the counter medication to the school. Most medications of this type can be given before or after school.

A student may carry inhalers for asthma. Please check with the nurse for the appropriate procedure to carry an inhaler.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

ACTIVITY CARDS

An activity card allows students to save money on the purchase of the yearbook and to be eligible for discounts at junior high dances and high school athletic events. The activity card sells for \$10.00 and helps support student government, athletics, cheerleading, and other school activities. If the card is lost a \$5.00 fee will be charged for replacement.

CLUBS

Students are encouraged to become involved in the junior high experience by joining clubs of interest to them. Announcements concerning these exciting activities will be given during morning announcements. Some examples of existing clubs at South Junior High are National Junior Honor Society, Builder's Club, and Ski Club.

DANCES

School dances are for South students only. Students must have an activity card to enter the dance. If the student is not picked up within 20 minutes from the end of the dance, they will not be allowed to attend the next dance. Students who leave the dance and the school grounds may not return to the dance.

STUDENT SAFETY / SCHOOL ATTIRE

AUTOMOBILES

1. Students who drive to school are required to register their cars and turn in their keys to the main office upon arrival to school.
2. Students driving cars to school are not allowed to return to their vehicles during school hours without permission.
3. Students should park their vehicles in the main parking lot.

BICYCLES

1. Leave bicycles only in the racks provided.

2. Remember that bicycle riders are subject to all motor vehicle laws. Students leaving the school campus on bicycles must come to a complete stop when entering the city streets.
3. Lock bikes. The school is not responsible for damage or theft while bikes are parked in the racks.

BUSES

Buses to and from school are provided for those students who meet the requirements. Remember that riding the bus is a privilege, not a right. (See Boise School District Policy numbers #3240, #3240BP, #8180BP).

DRESS CODE

Students' clothing and grooming shall be appropriate at all times. "Appropriate" is defined as clothing, which is non-disruptive and does not interfere with the educational process. "At all times" is defined as any time the student is on school grounds. The School Board is permitted to adopt dress codes mandating the use of school uniforms. The purpose of the School Uniform Dress Code shall be to provide additional opportunities for increased school safety; to encourage students to experience a greater sense of school identity and belonging; to encourage an improvement in student behavior; and to encourage a high level of program participation.

The following are student uniform dress code guidelines and will be in force from arrival at school until departure from school:

Shirt: solid maroon/burgundy polo; hemmed; 2,3, or 4 buttons—**no exceptions**--at the top with collar—short or long sleeved. Shall be worn tucked in. Emblems, logos, monograms, designs prohibited.

Skirts/Skorts/Slacks/Shorts: solid khaki or black; cotton twill or cotton blend—no jean style, denim, or sweatpants. Must be worn at waistline. Belts must be worn if belt loops present. Prominent designs, emblems, insignias, monograms or logos are prohibited. Skirts, skorts, and shorts no shorter than top of knee to 4 inches above knee.

Sweatshirts: plain colors—maroon, gray, black. Hoods down in building.

Undershirts: plain white, maroon, gray, or black—no designs or logos

Belts: Solid color and solid material—black, khaki, or brown. Belt buckles must be plain—no writing, no numbers. Design emblems, insignias, monograms, logos, holds, studs, sequins, etc...are prohibited.

Hats: may not be worn in the building; bandanas may not be worn on campus.

Slippers: are prohibited.

GANGS

Identified gang activity, dress, gang writing on papers, notebooks or on oneself and/or paraphernalia are strictly prohibited at South Junior High. Any involvement in this type of activity will result in suspension or possible expulsion. The SRO will be involved whenever appropriate. (District policy #3234)

Drug Intervention

The School Board is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all students, staff and visitors in order to maximize learning opportunities, as

such, the Board authorizes the Superintendent or designees to use detection dogs affiliated with law enforcement when warranted and within the limits of this policy: (District policy #3233)

- A sweep, a planned deterrent and detection program;
- A search which is based on reasonable suspicion or probable cause or;
- A demonstration or an educational program.

Detection Dog Use Procedures:

- Detection dogs will not be used to search an individual, and will not be used in the immediate presence of students. Students, staff and visitors will be excluded from the room or area being swept or searched.
- Detection dogs may be deployed to search or sweep lockers, personal items (i.e. backpacks, purses) or vehicles on district property.
- If contraband is discovered by school officials, it may be retained or turned over to law enforcement as evidence.

SKATEBOARDS/ROLLER BLADES/SCOOTERS

Students may skateboard, rollerblade or ride a scooter to school but may not do so on school property. Students failing to follow school rules will have their board, blades or scooter confiscated. Parents will be able to retrieve them from the main office.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students may not use mp3 or iPOD-type players, cell phones or pagers/beepers at school. These items must be kept in student lockers and not taken in to the classroom. We will not be responsible for items stored in student lockers. When electronic devices are confiscated the following will be in effect:

- First offense: taken and returned to student (at the end of the school day) with verbal warning
- Second offense: taken and parent must retrieve
- Third offense: parent conference with administrator

VISITORS

Students are not allowed to bring friends or relatives to school. All other visitors, including those to the cafeteria, must report to the main office and sign in. For security, all visitors will need to wear an identification badge at all times while visiting South Junior High.

Reading for Enjoyment

In order to encourage South students to be life long readers, we require students to carry an appropriate book of their choice to all classes. Students are expected to read this book when class work is completed. South has created a block of reading time five days a week for students and staff to read for enjoyment.