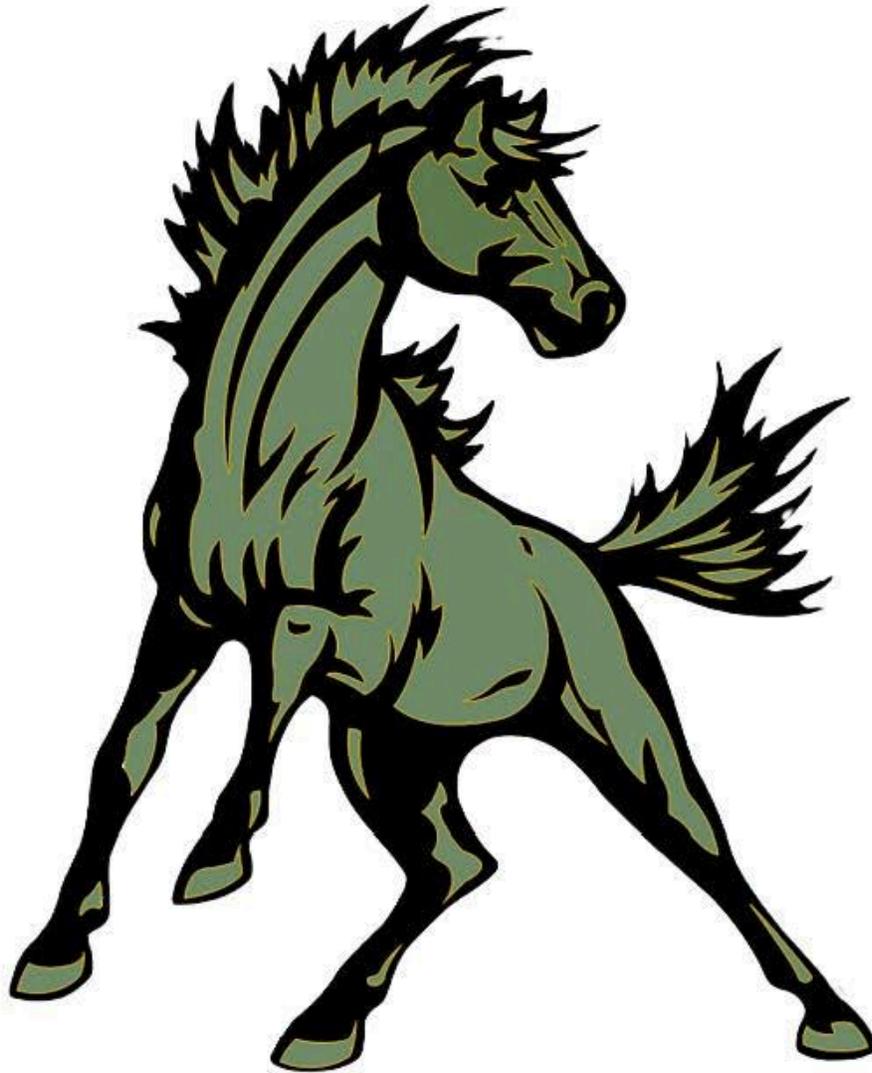


**DEARY**  
**MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL**



**STUDENT AND PARENT HANDBOOK**  
**2025-2026**

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Welcome to the Deary Middle/Senior High School!

The policies and procedures contained in the handbook are designed to help the school run smoothly so that you will have a successful year at Deary MS/Sr High School. This information has been carefully prepared so that it will help you enjoy school life. Remember, your success is directly related to your efforts.

School address and phone number

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All Deary staff members can be contacted by email using the first initial of the first name and full last name along with [@sd288.org](mailto:@sd288.org) Example: Joshua Hardy – [jhardy@sd288.org](mailto:jhardy@sd288.org). (Some exceptions may apply.)

### **School Closure**

When school must be canceled or delayed due to severe weather or other emergency situations, announcements will be made on the school's website, Facebook page, our emergency notification system, television stations, and local radio stations.

### **NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 guarantees eligible students in attendance certain rights regarding the release of student records. See the Principal for details.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

“To create a partnership between school, family and community that is dedicated to the academic and personal success of every child.”

*The purpose of this handbook is to inform students, parents, and staff about the policies of Deary High School. It does not attempt to include all policies, and is not a legal document. Complete school and district policies are available for public use in the school and district offices.*

## DEARY SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

We believe that:

Every student should get an appropriate educational opportunity.

Parents should see that the students get enough rest, proper nutrition, and medical care.

Students should respect the teachers, other students, and themselves.

Students should come to school prepared to participate in the learning activities.

Parents should communicate with the teachers and principal.

Teachers should be prepared to teach every day.

Teachers should communicate with parents

The principal shall facilitate the educational program and support the teachers

The principal shall communicate with the parents and students.

**School Hours:** Students are permitted inside the school at 8:00 AM. Before this time, students must be under direct supervision of staff and should make arrangements with individual staff.

<b>Regular Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> Bell @ 8:15</b>	<b>Activity Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> Bell @ 8:15</b>
1st Period: 8:22 – 9:15 (53 min)	1st Period: 8:22 – 9:10 (48 min)
2nd Period: 9:19 – 10:09 (50 min)	2nd Period: 9:14 – 9:59 (45 min)
Snack: 10:09 – 10:14 ( 5 min)	3rd Period: 10:03 – 10:48 (45 min)
3rd Period: 10:16 – 11:06 (50 min)	4th Period: 10:52 – 11:37 (45 min)
4th Period: 11:10 – 12:00 (50 min)	Lunch: 11:37 – 12:13 (36 min)
Lunch: 12:00 – 12:33 (33 min)	5th Period: 12:17 – 1:02 (45 min)
5th Period: 12:37 – 1:27 (50 min)	6th Period: 1:06 – 1:51 (45 min)
6th Period: 1:31 – 2:21 (50 min)	7th Period: 1:55 – 2:40 (45 min)
7th Period: 2:25 – 3:15 (50 min)	ACTIVITY: 2:40 – 3:15 (35 min)

<b>1:30 Release Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> Bell @ 8:15</b>	<b>Delayed Start Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> Bell @ 10:15</b>
1st Period: 8:22 – 9:00 (38 min)	1st Period: 10:22 – 10:58 (36 min)
2nd Period: 9:04 – 9:39 (35 min)	2nd Period: 11:02 – 11:36 (34 min)
3rd Period: 9:43 – 10:18 (35 min)	3rd Period: 11:40 – 12:14 (34 min)
4th Period: 10:22 – 10:57 (35 min)	Lunch: 12:14 – 12:44 (30 min)
5th Period: 11:01 – 11:36 (35 min)	4th Period: 12:48 – 1:22 (34 min)
Lunch: 11:36 – 12:12 (36 min)	5th Period: 1:26 – 2:00 (34 min)
6th Period: 12:16 – 12:51 (35 min)	6th Period: 2:04 – 2:38 (34 min)
7th Period: 12:55 – 1:30 (35 min)	7th Period: 2:42 – 3:16 (34 min)

## 2025-2026 SY MAJOR CALENDAR DATES

August 13	MS Orientation
August 15-19	Staff Orientation/Teacher In-Service
August 18	BES and DHS Back-to-School Night
August 19	DES Back- to-School Night
August 20	First Day of School
September 1	Labor Day (No School)
September 10	Staff Professional Development / Fair (No Students)
September 11-12	Latah County Fair (No School)
September 22-26	Homecoming Week
September 24	Elementary Family Math & Literacy Night
October 1-2	MS / HS Parent Teacher Conferences
October 6	Late Start Day
October 22-23	Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
October 23	End of Qtr. 1
October 24	Teacher In-Service / Grading (No Students)
November 3	Late Start Day
November 26-28	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
December 1	Late Start Day
December 19	1:30 Early Release
December 22-Jan. 2	Winter Break (No School)
January 12	Teacher in Service, (No School)
January 14-15	DMS/DHS Semester Finals
January 15	End of Qtr. 2 / Sem. 1 (Early Release)
January 16	Teacher In-Service / Grading (No Students)
February 9	Late Start Day
February 16	Presidents' Day (No Students)
March 4-5	MS / HS Parent Teacher Conferences
March 9	Late Start Day
March 25-26	Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
March 26	End of Qtr. 3
March 27	Teacher In-Service (No School)
March 30-April 3	Spring Break (No School)
April 6	Late Start Day
April 20	Kindergarten Roundup /Teacher In Service (No Students)
May 4	Late Start Day
May 22	Teacher In-Service (No School)
May 23	Commencement / Graduation
May 25	Memorial Day (No School)
May 27-28	DMS-DHS Semester Finals
May 28	Last Day / End of Sem. 2 / 1:30 Early Release
May 29	Teacher In-Service (No School)

***GO MUSTANGS!***

## SCHOOL AND DISTRICT POLICIES

### A. ENROLLMENT

- a. All students at Deary Middle-Senior High School must be enrolled in classes for the full day. Exceptions will be granted only in cases of dual enrollment, home schooling, work release, or medical limitations.
- b. Classes will be assigned by the principal and the counselor the week before school starts. A “Registration Day” will be held where students can pick up their schedules, request class changes, and be assigned lockers. Students may make class changes only during the first week of classes.
- c. Twelfth grade students having necessary credits for graduation as determined by the counselor may, with the signed approval of parents, employer, and the principal, apply for release from school to work. Work release will be managed by an advisor who will maintain contact with the student and employer. Work release will be awarded credit if guidelines set by the advisor are met. Seniors may be teacher aides, but only once per day. Juniors may request to be assigned as an aide contingent upon approval from both the counselor and building principal.

B. **HONOR ROLL** – To be eligible for appointment to the honor roll, a student must carry four academic courses and earn a 3.50 or higher grade point average for the term. To be eligible for the Honorable Mention, a student must carry four academic courses and earn a 3.00 to 3.49 grade point average for the term.

C. **GRADING** – Letter grades will be as follows:

A - 90% and above

B - 80% to 89.9%

C - 70% to 79.9%

D - 60% to 69.9%

F - 59.9% and below

- a. Teachers will use the following codes in the *PowerSchool* gradebook for assignments.
  - i. **Late:** The work was submitted late and half credit is given at the teacher's discretion.
  - ii. **Incomplete:** The work was submitted partially complete.
  - iii. **Missing with “0”:** When marked as missing with a score of “0”, the assignment was not submitted and will no longer be accepted for credit.
  - iv. **Missing with “no score”:** When marked as missing with no score, the assignment will still be accepted by the teacher.
  - v. **Exempt:** An assignment does not count towards the students’ grade.

D. **COMMENCEMENT** – Students are invited to graduate at commencement exercises only in the following cases:

- a. The student has successfully completed the requirements for a Deary High School diploma;

- b. The student has transferred to Deary High School and fulfilled the remaining graduation requirements required at that time.
  - i. Valedictorian and Salutatorian must have at least 49 credits prior to the start of the second semester.
    - 1. Any student above a 4.00 could qualify for Valedictorian, regardless of class ranking.
    - 2. The Salutatorian will be chosen by the student with the next highest GPA.

E. **ATTENDANCE**

- a. When a student is absent from school, or from a class period, the parent will notify the school before 9:00 am.
- b. **90% Attendance** - School and State policy requires that a student be in attendance at least 90% of the time school is in session in order to receive credit for courses taken. Based on the adopted district calendar, a student may not miss more than nine (9) days in a semester, whether the absences are excused or unexcused. If a student misses more than nine (9) days in a semester, a written notice will be mailed to the parents informing them of possible loss of credit. If there are unusual circumstances making the absences unavoidable, such as protracted illness, the principal may waive the loss of credit. Absences due to school-related activities are exempt from the 90% attendance policy.
- c. **Excused Absences** - It is the student's responsibility to contact each teacher to arrange for make-up work. Time given for make-up work shall not exceed the number of days missed, except under special circumstances.
- d. **Unexcused Absences** - A student who is absent for reasons that do not qualify as excused, including suspension, will have no additional time to make up the missed work. All work missed must be turned in immediately upon their return.
- e. **Truancy** – As defined by Idaho Code #33-206, truancy or skipping school is defined as not being in attendance during the regular school day *without* the permission of a parent or guardian or what would be considered a legitimate reason for absence. The student will be deemed truant if the guardian has not excused the absence with a phone call or note within two (2) school days following return to school. If an adequate acceptable excuse is not provided within the required time frame, the following steps will be taken:
  - i. The absence will be unexcused. The work missed may not be made up and a “zero” will be recorded for classes missed.
  - ii. Offenses will result in being placed on the detention system.
  - iii. Further truanancies may be referred to the Latah County Truancy Court.
- f. **Closed Campus** - All students are required to check out through the office whenever they leave the school while in session, except during lunch. In the event a student has to be dismissed early from school, the office must have prior notice from parent or guardian.
  - i. Students in grades 9-12 are allowed off-campus during lunch unless otherwise notified.
  - ii. **The campus is closed at lunch periods for grades 4-8.**

- g. **Tardy** - Tardiness disrupts the educational process. In addition, the following will take place per semester:
- i. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> tardies: No disciplinary consequences
  - ii. 3<sup>rd</sup> tardy: 30-minute lunch detention
  - iii. 4<sup>th</sup> tardy: 30-minute lunch detention
  - iv. 5<sup>th</sup> tardy: Loss of open campus privilege for five (5) consecutive school days plus one (1) hour of detention.
  - v. 6<sup>th</sup> tardy: Loss of open campus privilege for twenty (20) consecutive school days plus two after school detentions.
  - vi. 7<sup>th</sup> tardy: Loss of open campus privilege for the rest of the semester. The Dean of Students will contact parent(s) for next steps.
- h. **Open Campus Violation:**
- i. If a student is placed on a closed campus disciplinary action but proceeds to leave campus in violation, the following will occur:
    1. 1st offense: In School Suspension (1 Day)
    2. 2nd offense: Out of School Suspension (1 Day)
    3. 3rd offense: Three (3) days of Out-of-School Suspension and a mandatory meeting with parents and principal. Next steps will be decided during this meeting.
- i. **Semester Exam Exemption** - Students who have maintained the following grades and work completion rates in a semester may be exempt from final exams as follows:
- ii. A student who has maintained a 90% or above average and has an 85% completion rate for classwork may be exempt from the final exam in that course.
  - iii. A student who has maintained an 80% - 89% average and has a 90% completion rate for classwork may be exempt from the final exam in that course.
  - iv. A student who has maintained a 75% - 79% average and has a 100% completion rate for classwork may be exempt from the final exam in that course.
  - v. **Students may not fail** a class in either quarter and be exempt from the semester final for that class.
  - vi. A student who qualifies for the exam exemption may choose to take the final to better their grade without the risk of lowering their current grade.
  - vii. Grades to determine a student's need to take final exams will be determined the day before the start of exams.
  - viii. No new content week of final exams.
  - ix. Seniors will not be exempt from Semester 2 Final Exams and are required to attend class for these tests. Teachers have the option of having the assessment counted as a Final exam grade or a regular test grade.

## F. STUDENT SAFETY AND PROPERTY

- a. **Insurance** - The School District does not provide medical insurance to automatically pay medical expenses when students are injured at school. This is the responsibility of the parents or legal guardians. The district carries only legal liability insurance. Applications for individual insurance policies are available at the office. The coverage for these policies ranges from coverage for school ground accidents to coverage for competitive sports. This insurance is provided by an independent carrier and is not sponsored in any way by the school district.
- b. **Valuables** - The school is not responsible for stolen items. The administration reminds parents and students that large amounts of money and other items of value should not be brought to school. When it is necessary to bring money to school for payment of bills, students are encouraged to take care of these payments at the office immediately upon entering the school building. It is advised that personal property be marked for identification purposes.
- c. **Lockers** - The office will assign lockers and locks to students. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged if the lock is lost or not returned. Students must receive permission from the principal before they can change locker assignments. Lockers are the property of the school and may be searched when warranted. Unannounced searches may be conducted during the year. These lockers are considered public, not private.
- d. **Searches** – Lockers are the property of the school and may be searched when warranted. Unannounced searches of lockers and any other materials on school property may be conducted at any time during the year. Searches may include the use of police dogs.
- e. **Firearms** - The Whitepine Joint School District #288 has a “zero tolerance” for students who bring firearms to school. Possession and/or use of firearms which include but are not limited to, pistols, revolvers, and rifles, at school or at any school-sponsored activity without prior permission of school officials, will result in expulsion from school for a period of one year (see Idaho Code 18-3302D).
  - i. The district will not admit students who have been expelled from another school district for a violation of the Gun-Free School Act until the student has completed the expulsion for not less than a year. As with all suspensions and expulsions, due process hearing rights will be followed.
- f. **Emergency Safety Drills** - It is important that each student and teacher be thoroughly familiar with the emergency plan of the school.

## G. STUDENT CONDUCT

- a. **Discipline Policy** - The main focus of this policy is directed towards students who willfully disregard school rules or defy instructions by teachers or other adult supervisors. All students begin each semester with a “clean slate.” The teacher will set up reasonable rules for acceptable behavior in the classroom and inform students of these rules. The following offenses will automatically result in the placing of a student on the discipline policy:
  - i. Disrespect or threats to teachers or fellow students;
  - ii. Defacing or destruction of school property. (This will also require payment from student for necessary repair);
  - iii. Willful disobedience, profanity, or vulgarity;
  - iv. Disorderly conduct in classrooms, halls or lunchroom;
  - v. Other offenses as determined by staff, administration, or students

- b. The following will result in an automatic suspension of one (1) to five (5) days and/or drug evaluation before admittance back into school (and notification to law enforcement if appropriate):
  - i. Use or possession of tobacco on school grounds or at school activities;
  - ii. Selling, possessing, transporting, or being under the influence of a narcotic or dangerous drug including, but not limited to, marijuana, LSD, heroin, and barbiturates (not prescribed by a licensed physician), or non-narcotic intoxicants such as glue, cough medicine, gas, or alcohol;
  - iii. Use or possession of alcohol on school grounds or at school activities;
  - iv. Vaping and/or possession of vape devices;
  - v. Fighting (including assaulting other students or school personnel);
  - vi. Theft;
  - vii. Other offenses as determined by staff, administration.
- c. A Discipline Record is maintained in the main office. When a teacher reports a student, the student's discipline history for that quarter is checked, and the resulting consequence of the infraction is recorded.
- d. Any appeal to the disciplinary action must be made prior to the scheduled detention, to avoid additional consequences.
- e. **Consequences** - Detention sessions will take place, when needed, from 12:00-12:30 every afternoon that school is in session. After school detention will take place, when needed, from 3:20-4:20. Students will be assigned to detention on the next available session following the day of notification. Rescheduling can be arranged by the Dean of Students at their discretion.
  - i. Students on detention will be given specific instructions by the assigned supervisor. Students who are tardy, who otherwise fail to attend, or who do not follow detention room rules, automatically move to the next level of consequences.
- f. **Academic Dishonesty:** Academic dishonesty, including but not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, use of non-authorized electronic devices, stealing academic work, will not be tolerated. If academic dishonesty is detected, teachers will confiscate the evidence, document the circumstances and submit a report to the Dean of Students. The following steps will occur when a student has committed this infraction:
  - i. The student will receive "zero" credit for their work.
  - ii. The student will not be allowed to make up the assignment by any method.
  - iii. The student will be placed on discipline policy. The principal may skip steps on discipline policy depending on the severity of the infraction.
- g. **AI Academic Use:** Students should not copy from any source, including generative AI, without prior approval and adequate documentation. Students should not claim AI-generated work as their original work. Use of AI to complete assignments or other schoolwork without permission of a teacher or administrator is prohibited.

- h. **Discipline Infractions:** These are cumulative, regardless of teacher. Levels may be skipped when necessary, or reduced when multiple infractions occur in a single day. Parents will be notified by mail.
- i. 1<sup>st</sup> Infraction: 30 minutes' lunch detention
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Infraction: 60 minutes' after school detention
  - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Infraction: 1-day suspension (in-school or out-of-school based on infraction)
  - iv. 4<sup>th</sup> Infraction: 3-day suspension
  - v. 5<sup>th</sup> Infraction: 3-5-day suspension
- i. **Suspension Policy** – The principal may suspend students from school for flagrant misconduct pending a satisfactory adjustment with the parents. Notice of such suspension, stating the cause, must be sent to the parents; and the superintendent's office shall be immediately notified. Due process shall be assured to the student.
- i. A student who is serving an in-school suspension, and who works diligently on school work, will be allowed to turn work in for half credit.
  - ii. A suspended student loses credit for all classwork that is due during an out of school suspension, including in-class work and assessments.
    1. Students in **OSS** are encouraged to work on class assignments even though they do not receive credit. Doing so will help count towards work completion in regard to *Final Exam Exemption* and *Mandatory Tutoring*.
- j. **Expulsion Policy** - In cases of repeated or extreme misconduct, the Whitepine School District will be asked to expel the student for a period of time or indefinitely, according to Whitepine School District Policy # 3340. In all cases, due process will occur.
- k. **Dress Code** - In accordance with Policy #3255, student attire must not detract from the educational process. If for any reason a staff member finds a piece of clothing in violation of the dress code, the student will be discreetly referred to the Office as soon as possible. Students violating this policy will be required to change clothes if necessary and face possible disciplinary infraction if appropriate. Each violation thereafter will result in additional disciplinary action by the Dean of Students or Principal.
- i. **Inappropriate Content for Clothing**
    1. Obscenities or vulgarities in words or pictures.
    2. Drug or alcohol references.
    3. Harassing or biased words or pictures related to race, religion, gender, national origin, or sexual orientation.
  - ii. **Appropriateness of Attire**
    1. Clothing must be clean and in good repair.
    2. Underwear and undergarments should not be visible (ex. boxer shorts, bras, panties, etc.).
    3. Midriffs (abdomens or lower backs) should not be visible.
    4. Tube tops, halter tops, and single-strap tops are not permitted.
    5. Spaghetti strap tops should be worn with another shirt.
    6. Shirts that are sheer and/or expose the torso (without another shirt worn under them) are not to be worn.
    7. Shorts, "skorts" and skirts must extend to mid-thigh or longer when standing.

8. No face coverings – partial or total, including costumes, unless allowed for health considerations or religious practices.

**iii. Additional Requirements**

1. Footwear must be worn at all times.
2. Students may not wear ballcaps, hats, sunglasses, hoods, or stocking caps that cover their ears while in the building unless allowed for religious practices.
3. Long coats or trench coats are not allowed, and must be left in the coat rooms or in the student lockers.
4. Backpacks will not be allowed in the classrooms. They must be left in the coat rooms or in the student lockers.

**iv. Procedures for Dress Code Violations**

1. The student will be discreetly referred to the Office as soon as possible.
2. The administrator will explain the inappropriateness of the student's attire.
3. The parent/guardian will be contacted, and the violation will be explained.
4. The student will be allowed to change clothes if clothing is available.
5. The student will not be permitted to return to class until the inappropriateness is remedied.

l. **Initiation** - No "initiations" are permitted.

m. **Loitering** - Non-students or suspended students are not permitted to loiter on school grounds.

n. **Cafeteria Conduct** - It is important that all students take responsibility for an orderly procession to the cafeteria and for following the rules and regulations as are posted in the kitchen or otherwise made known by the head cook. Proper line etiquette will be followed by all students and violations will not be tolerated.

o. **School Bus Regulations** - School bus drivers will set up and inform riders of the rules to be followed. Failure to follow the rules will result in disciplinary action taken by the driver and/or principal. Students representing the school in any activity where transportation is involved will be required to ride the vehicle provided. Exceptions to this rule will apply only when parents request their child to ride with them. Direct contact by the parent must be made with the advisor or the principal before this exception will be allowed.

i. Food on the bus may be allowed at the discretion of each advisor and the bus driver. However, the bus must be clean when the group returns to the school. Students should clean their own seating area.

ii. The parent must make prior arrangements with the principal if the student is to return with someone other than the bus driver or the parent.

iii. The bus driver is in charge. Riders will follow the driver's directions.

iv. Any violation of the above may cause a student to be placed on the disciplinary policy and/or lose bus privileges.

In order to provide the most positive and safe environment possible, the following procedures have been put into place:

- v. Students will be given three (3) written warnings. Upon the third warning, the student will be suspended from riding the school bus 1-3 school days.
  - vi. The fourth (4th) offense occurring in the same semester will result in 3-5 days suspension from riding the school bus.
  - vii. The fifth (5th) offense occurring in the same semester may result in loss of bus riding privileges for the remainder of that semester.
- p. **Public Display of Affection** – Excessive display of affection (generally defined as anything more than holding hands) may be embarrassing to others. Students whose behavior at school or activities is considered inappropriate will be advised in private to avoid embarrassment. Continued inappropriate behavior will be considered as a disciplinary infraction.

#### H. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

- a. There are some violations which are so disruptive and which cause such a high degree of danger that a zero tolerance policy has been adopted. Whitepine Joint School District #288 will not tolerate the possession, sale, or use of weapons or illegal drugs, or threatening to kill another student or staff member, or to cause major destruction to the school. All violations in these categories will result in automatic suspension. There will be no exceptions, even for a first offense. Possession and/or use of firearms which include, but are not limited to, pistols, revolvers, and rifles at school or at any school sponsored activity will result in expulsion from school for a period of not less than one year. (See I.C. 18-3302D)
- b. If a student threatens to kill another student or staff member or to cause major destruction to the school, the student *may* be referred to the Board of Trustees with recommendation for expulsion. A report *may* be filed with the local law enforcement. (All Special Education laws will be followed for those students in Special Education.)
  - i. At the discretion of the Principal, all the above descriptions of misconduct are subject to being reported to the county Sheriff for prosecution.

#### I. STUDENT SERVICES

- a. **Student Government** - The Student Council is made up of students from each class that are interested in participating. The function of the student council is to set goals for the school year, determine the activities the student body will support.
- b. **School Parties and Dances** - Clubs and organizations sponsoring parties or dances must have clearance from the Student Council and the Principal's office. All High School parties and dances will end no later than 12:00 A.M., (with the exception of the formal dances on principal's approval.) The school dances and parties will be limited to Deary students in general. However, a student may invite a guest who is not enrolled by obtaining a guest pass from the Principal. This should be done at least 24 hours before the activity. Any student extending an invitation is responsible for the conduct of his or her guest. Also, upon approval of the Principal, the sponsoring club or organization may invite one other high school student body or class to a dance or party. Once students

leave, they will not be allowed to re-enter unless they have secured special permission to leave and re-enter from the advisor. In addition to the regular advisor, at least one additional supervisor will be present.

- c. **Textbooks** - Textbooks, materials, and equipment needed for student use are supplied by the Whitepine School District, paid for by its patrons, and issued by the teacher. As soon as texts and materials are issued, the responsibility for their safekeeping becomes the student's. Loss or damage will result in an assessment sufficient to repair or replace the article.
- d. **Visitors** - Students are not allowed to bring visitors to school. Parents are always welcome, but all visitors must check in at the office and wear a Visitor Badge while on the school grounds.
- e. **Telephone** - The school office telephones are for business purposes only. Students are to use the office telephone only in cases of illness, emergencies, or school-related business.
- f. **Messages** - We can relay messages to students if necessary. However, if you need to get information to your child, please do this before 2:00 pm. The end of the day gets very hectic and we want to ensure enough time to process the message.
- g. **Vending Machines** - Vending machines are to be used only in the morning before school, during lunch hour, or after school. They are not to be used during or between classes. If the machine malfunctions, contact the office. Do not tilt or abuse the machine or physical injury may result from a falling machine. Students may have beverages only in designated areas.
- h. **Parking** - Students are to use the southside parking lot and along the fence adjacent to the football field. The designated emergency vehicle lane should always be kept open. Absolutely no parking is allowed in that area.
  - i. Seniors and juniors will be allowed to reserve a parking space throughout the current school year for a fee of \$10. Selection of spaces will be on a first-come, first-served basis starting the day of HS registration.
- i. **Parking Violation** - Students that do not follow the guidelines for parking will be subject to penalties including, but not limited to temporary loss of privilege and/or permanent loss of privilege. A violation is parking in a reserved spot, parking in a staff lot, and unsafe conduct. (Other acts may be considered based on individual situations.) Violations will be counted per semester and will result in the following consequences:
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Violation - Warning (student will be asked to move their vehicle)
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Violation - Loss of parking privileges for one week (five school days) beginning the next school day (student will be asked to move their vehicle for the remainder of that day)
  - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Violation - Loss of parking privilege for remaining Quarter beginning the next school day (student will be asked to move their vehicle for the remainder of that day)
  - iv. 4<sup>th</sup> Violation - Loss of parking privilege for remaining Semester beginning the next school day (student will be asked to move their vehicle for the remainder of that day)

- j. **School Nurse** – A registered nurse, contracted with the district, does routine check-ups for vision, hearing, and spine curvature for all students. The school nurse does not replace the family doctor and any health concerns should be discussed with the primary doctor.
- k. **Outside Services** - The Whitepine School District offers a variety of services to our students including health services through the Latah County Health Department, Drug and Alcohol Counseling through the Port of Hope, and other services as they are made available to us. If you have questions or concerns about these services, please feel free to call the Principal or Counselor at 877-1151.

**I. Fees -**

i. Breakfast

- 1. Grades K-6 . . . . . \$2.45 each
- 2. Grades 7-12 . . . . . \$2.70 each
- 3. Reduced . . . . . \$0 .30 each
- 4. Adults . . . . . \$3.00 each

ii. Hot Lunch

- 1. Grades K-6 . . . . . \$3.45 each
- 2. Grades 7-12 . . . . . \$3.95 each
- 3. Reduced . . . . . \$0.40 each
- 4. Adults . . . . . \$5.10 each
- 5. Extra Milk . . . . . \$0.65 each

- iii. To assure parent notification when a lunch ticket expires, students will be allowed up to 10 charges.
- iv. Additional fees may be charged for individual class projects and vandalism.
- v. Unpaid Bills: Occasionally students end the school year owing a bill for library fines, lunches, lost or damaged books, or some other reason. It is our policy to withhold report cards, diplomas and transcripts until such bills are paid. A charge of \$25.00 will be assessed on all checks returned to Deary School due to insufficient funds on account.

**J. ONLINE LEARNING**

- a. Distance learning courses, such as IDLA, may be taken during the school day with the IDLA Site Coordinator. In general, students are allowed to take online courses:
  - i. Need to make up credits in order to graduate on schedule;
  - ii. Are interested in advanced placement or dual credit courses;
  - iii. Want to supplement their curriculum by taking courses not offered at their school;
  - iv. Have scheduling conflicts that cannot be resolved by other means;
  - v. Want to accelerate their academic program by taking additional courses as part of an approved plan for early graduation; or
  - vi. Are excused from being physically present on the campus of their school of record for an extended period of time due to medical reasons or other exemptions approved by administration.

- b. Students should check with the guidance office to see if they are a good candidate for online learning options. Online learning is not appropriate for all students. Inappropriate online registrations usually lead to a failed class, behavioral issues and disruption of the student’s academic progression through high school. Following is a summary of who may and may not take online classes:
- c. **RECOMMENDED FOR ONLINE CLASS ENROLLMENT**
  - i. A cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.75.
  - ii. A current grade of C or better in core academic areas.
  - iii. Approval of the school guidance counselor.
  - iv. Mature, self-motivated, well organized and comfortable with required interactive technology.
- d. **REQUIRED FOR ONLINE CLASS ENROLLMENT**
  - i. Turned in a **complete** application before the deadline.
  - ii. Have met with the school guidance counselor as part of the student’s HS plan.
  - iii. The designated staff (including but not limited to select teachers that their in person class would be affected, counselor, IDLA director and principal or designee) may confer and communicate with the student, parent/guardian to determine that the course(s) selected is/are academically and developmentally appropriate for the student and that all prerequisites as determined by the student’s school of record have been completed before registration in an IDLA course.

**K. ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY**

- a. **Scope**
  - i. Electronic devices have become a common means of communication and information access in today’s society. However, these devices have the potential of disrupting the orderly operation of school. Deary School has therefore created this policy to govern the possession and use of electronic devices on school premises, during school hours, at school sponsored activities, and on school transportation.
- b. **Definition**
  - i. For purposes of this policy **“Electronic Device”** means a privately owned wireless, portable, or wearable electronic equipment. This includes, but is not limited to, current and emerging mobile communication and smart technologies such as (smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, wireless earbuds/headphones, e-readers, and portable gaming consoles. It also includes devices that provide access to the internet or local networks (e.g., mobile hotspots), as well as any device capable of word processing, image or video capture, audio recording, communication (voice, text, or data), or storing and transmitting digital content. **“Electronic Device”** encompasses any multifunctional or single-use digital tool that can support or disrupt the educational environment, regardless of brand or operating system.

**c. Possession and Use of Electronic Devices**

- i. Students may possess and use electronic devices at school subject to the following: Students may carry or possess electronic devices at school and school-sponsored activities. Electronic devices must be turned **off**, not set to vibrate, and placed in the designated place in each classroom. At no time may electronic devices be used in restrooms or locker rooms. Students will be required to leave cell phones behind in class when leaving the classroom for a bathroom break, a drink of water, going to a locker, etc. Students may use electronic devices appropriately before school, after school, passing periods and during lunch.

**d. Prohibitions**

- i. Electronic devices shall not be used in a way that threatens, humiliates, harasses, or intimidates school-related individuals, including students, employees, and visitors; or violates local, state, or federal law. This includes the intent to annoy, alarm, intimidate, offend, abuse, threaten, harass, frighten, or disrupt the electronic communication of another. A person is guilty of voyeurism that intentionally uses any recording device that is concealed or disguised to secretly or surreptitiously record or view electronically any portion of an individual's body for which the individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy. It is also prohibited for any individual to record, display or forward any material that could be considered pornographic, lewd, or inappropriate in a public school setting.

**e. AI "Deep-Fake" Apps**

- i. The use of artificial intelligence tools to create, manipulate, or distribute sexually explicit or pornographic content constitutes a severe violation of school policy. These actions are considered digital sexual harassment, cyberbullying, and a serious breach of both student safety and district technology use guidelines.
- ii. Any student found to be in possession of, using, sharing, or promoting such applications or AI-generated content on school property, during school hours, or using school networks/devices will be subject to the following measures:
  1. Immediate Investigation – The school will promptly investigate the incident in cooperation with district administration and, if warranted, law enforcement.
  2. Disciplinary Action – Consequences may include – but are not limited to – loss of technology privileges, suspension, or expulsion, depending on the severity and intent. Cases involving non-consensual images or repeated behavior will be treated as major violations of the student code of conduct.
  3. Mandatory Counseling and Education – Students involved may be required to attend digital citizenship training, counseling on ethical technology use, and/or restorative practices when appropriate.
  4. Parental and Law Enforcement Notification – Parents/guardians will be notified immediately. If the content involves the creation/distribution of explicit images the school is obligated to contact law enforcement under child safety and cyber exploitation laws.

5. Support for Victims – Any student victimized by the misuse of these technologies will receive full support, including confidentiality, and protection from retaliation.

**f. Confiscation**

- i. If a student violates this policy, his/her electronic device may be confiscated. When an employee confiscates an electronic device under this policy, he/she shall take reasonable measures to label and secure the device and turn the device over to a school administrator as soon as the employee's duties permit. The electronic device will be released/returned to the student as outlined below.
- ii. Violation of this policy may result in discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion, and notification of law enforcement authorities. A student who violates this policy may be prohibited from possession of an electronic device at school or school-related events.
  1. 1<sup>st</sup> Confiscation: students may pick up electronic devices at the end of the school day from the administrator. Students will serve a 30-minute detention.
  2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Confiscation: parents may pick up electronic devices at the end of the school day from the administrator. Students will serve a 60-minute detention.
  3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Confiscation: parents may pick up electronic devices at the end of the school day from the administrator. Students will serve a one day In-School suspension.
  4. 4<sup>th</sup> Confiscation: students will lose privilege to have any electronic device at school. Students will serve a three day In-School suspension.

**g. Security of Devices**

- i. Students shall be personally and **solely** responsible for the security of electronic devices brought to school. The school shall not assume responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or unauthorized calls made with an electronic device. If devices are loaned to or borrowed and misused by non-owners, device owners are jointly responsible for the misuse or policy violation(s).

**h. Prohibitions on Audio or Camera Recording**

- i. Camera or audio recording functions of electronic devices may pose threats to the personal privacy of individuals, used to exploit personal information, and/or compromise the integrity of educational programs. Accordingly, the use of the audio recording or camera functions of electronic devices are strictly prohibited on school premises at all times.

**i. Exceptions**

- i. With prior approval of the administration, the above prohibitions may be relaxed under the following circumstances:
  1. The use is specifically required to implement a student's current and valid IEP
  2. The use is determined **by the administration** to be necessary for other special circumstances, health related reasons, or emergency.

## **L. COMPUTER NETWORK INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE REGULATIONS**

- a. Whitepine Joint School District students with school accounts are expected to act in a responsible, ethical and legal manner, in accordance with the missions and purposes of the networks they use on the Internet and the laws of the state and the US. Whitepine Joint School District's goal for student learning applies to all users of the network.
- b. Whitepine Joint School District believes that the benefits to educators and students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration far exceed any disadvantages of access. But ultimately, parent(s) and guardian(s) of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child should follow. To that end, Whitepine School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for internet access for the student.
- c. **USING THE NETWORK IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT, AND THE PRIVILEGE MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME FOR UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT.**

Unacceptable conduct includes the following:

- i. Using the network for any illegal activity, including copyright or other contracts.
  - ii. Using the network for financial or commercial gain.
  - iii. Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance.
  - iv. Vandalizing the data of another user.
  - v. Downloading any information or program without the permission of the technology coordinator.
  - vi. Wastefully using finite resources (e.g. tying up the network unnecessarily).
  - vii. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities.
  - viii. Invading the privacy of individuals
  - ix. Using an account owned by another user
  - x. Posting anonymous messages
  - xi. Placing unlawful information on a system
  - xii. Use of chat rooms, newsgroups, list servers or e-mails.
  - xiii. Downloading of games and/or music
  - xiv. Accessing or creating any obscene or objectionable information, language, or images.
- d. **CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATION**
    - i. Any violation of the above will result in disciplinary action by the school principal which may include:
      1. Loss of internet privileges
      2. Contact of local authorities if the violation is illegal
      3. Contact of parent and/or guardian



**Deary Middle/High School  
Parent-Student Acknowledgment Form  
2025–2026 School Year**



All students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are required to review the Deary Middle / High School Student & Parent Handbook. The handbook contains important information regarding school procedures, rules, regulations, and behavioral expectations.

Please read the acknowledgment statement below, sign where indicated, detach the page from your copy of the handbook, and return this form to the school office no later than Friday, August 30, 2025.

**Acknowledgment Statement**

We acknowledge that we have received, read, and understand the *Deary Middle/High School Student Handbook* for the 2025–2026 school year. We are aware of the policies, rules, procedures, and consequences outlined within the handbook. We understand that it is our responsibility as parent and student to become familiar with and abide by the expectations set forth by the school and the Whitepine Joint School District.

We further understand that - in critical situations - the handbook *may* be subject to updates throughout the school year and that the most current version will be available through the school’s website or main office.

**Student:**

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date

**Parent/Guardian:**

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date

Additional copies of the *Student Handbook* can be found on the school website or requested as a printed version from the school office.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of the handbook, please contact the school by calling the main number (208) 877-1151.