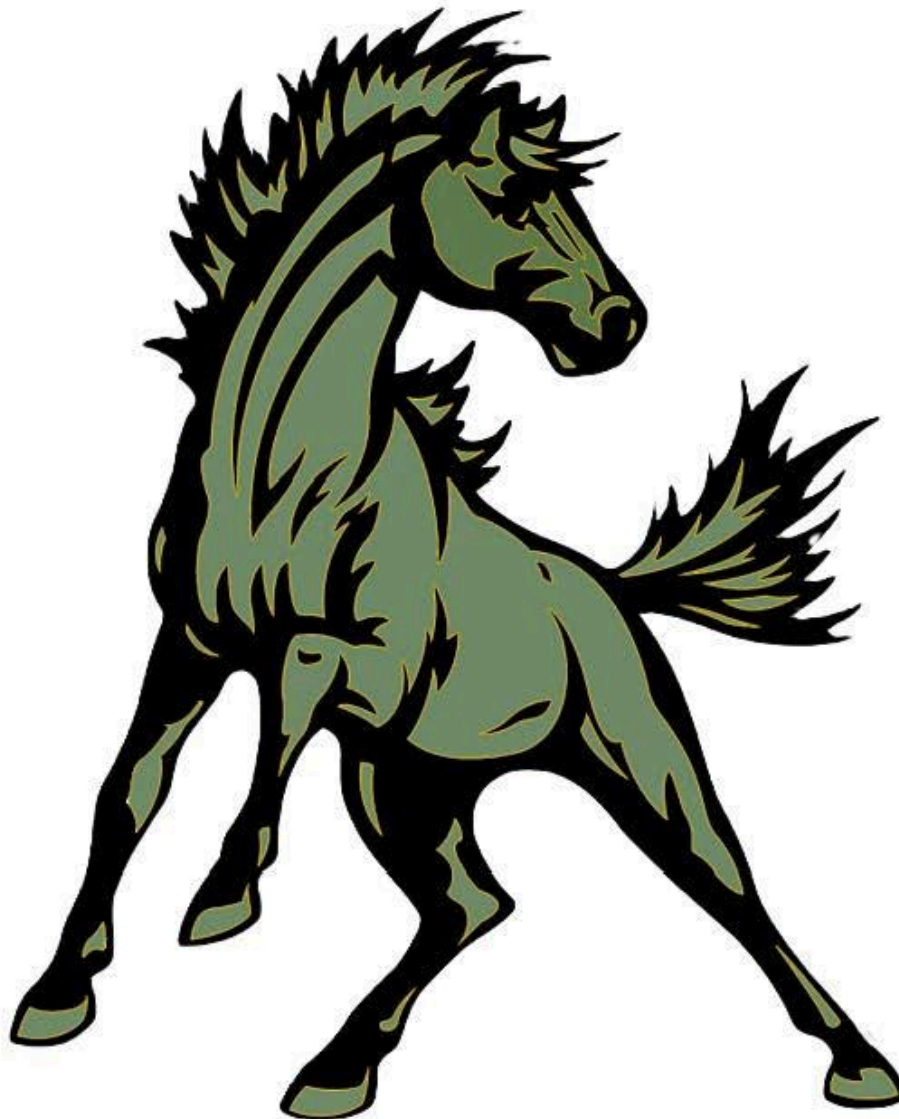


DEARY MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL



**STUDENT AND PARENT HANDBOOK
2026-2027**

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MISSION STATEMENT

Preparing students who aspire to achieve their full potential.

WELCOME!!

The policies and procedures in the handbook are designed to help the school run smoothly so our students have a successful year at Deary Middle/High School. This information has been carefully prepared to help you make the most of your school experience. Remember, your success is directly related to your attitude and efforts.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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P.O. Box 9
Deary, Idaho 83823-0009

School Office	877-1151
School Fax	877-1366
District Office	877-1408
District Fax	877-1570
Web Page	www.sd288.org

Most Whitepine Joint School District staff can be reached by email using the first letter of their first name followed by their full last name.

Example: Amy Caessens → acaessens@sd288.org. Some exceptions may apply.

Notification of Rights and Equal Opportunities

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 guarantees eligible students in attendance certain rights regarding the release of student records. If you would like more information, please consult with a school administrator.

The purpose of this handbook is to inform students, parents, and staff about the policies of Deary Middle/High School. It does not attempt to include all policies and is not a legal document. Complete school and district policies are available for use on the school's website.

PHILOSOPHY

We believe:

- 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.

STAFF DIRECTORY

★ Ashleigh Brown	Librarian/Idaho Digital Learning Alliance (IDLA) Coordinator
★ Amy Caessens	Secondary Principal/Superintendent
★ Jolene Carr	Custodian
★ Tiffany Delphous	Response To Intervention (RTI) Coordinator
★ Shandra Floyd	English Teacher
★ Amy Guier	Counselor
★ Jennifer Heath	Middle School Teacher
★ Linda Hennigar	Food Service Director
★ Alicia Hickman	Music Teacher
★ Kendra Keen	Middle School Teacher
★ Kelli Kinzer	Ag Teacher
★ Jalen Kirk	Middle School Teacher/Athletic Director
★ Pennie Lawson-Swan	Cook
★ Ryan Minden	History Teacher/Dean of Students
★ Tom Moore	Custodian
★ Kim Mozingo	Paraprofessional
★ Tim Olson	Physical Education Teacher
★ Julia Proctor	Special Education Director
★ Lanna Proctor	Math Teacher
★ Christy Sanderson	Paraprofessional
★ Kelsey Sutton	Secretary/Administrative Assistant
★ Kelly Vincent	Science Teacher
★ Marci Wood	Middle School/High School Teacher

SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES

Regular Schedule: 1st Bell @ 8:15	Activity Schedule: 1st Bell @ 8:15
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)

1:30 Release Schedule: 1st Bell @ 8:15	Delayed Start Schedule: 1st Bell @ 10:15
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)

Hours of Operation: Students are permitted inside the school at 8:00 am. Before this time, students must be supervised by a staff member. The school office closes at 3:30 pm

MAJOR CALENDAR DATES

August 19	MS Orientation
August 19, 24-25	Staff Orientation/Teacher In-Service
August 24	DHS Back-to-School Night
August 26	First Day of School
September 7	Labor Day (No School)
September 16	Staff Professional Development / Fair (No Students)
September 17-18	Latah County Fair (No School)
September 21-25	Homecoming Week
October 7-8	MS / HS Parent Teacher Conferences
October 12	Late Start Day
October 28-29	Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
October 29	End of Qtr. 1
October 30	Teacher In-Service (No Students)
November 9	Late Start Day
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
December 7	Late Start Day
December 18	1:30 Early Release
December 21-Jan. 1	Winter Break (No School)
January 18	Teacher In-Service (No School)
January 20-21	DMS/DHS Semester Finals
January 21	End of Qtr. 2 / Sem. 1 (Early Release)
January 22	Teacher In-Service (No Students)
February 8	Late Start Day
February 15	Presidents' Day / Professional Development (No Students)
March 3-4	MS / HS Parent Teacher Conferences
March 8	Late Start Day
March 24-25	Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
March 25	End of Qtr. 3
March 26	Teacher In-Service (No School)
March 29-April 2	Spring Break (No School)
April 12	Late Start Day
April 19	Kindergarten Roundup /Teacher In Service (No Students)
May 10	Late Start Day
May 28	Teacher In-Service (No School)
May 29	Commencement / Graduation
May 31	Memorial Day (No School)
June 3-4	DMS-DHS Semester Finals
June 4	Last Day / End of Sem. 2 / 1:30 Early Release
June 7-8	Teacher In-Service (No School)

ACADEMICS & ENROLLMENT

All students at Deary Middle/High School must be enrolled in classes for the full day. Exceptions may be granted in cases of dual enrollment, home school, work release, or medical limitations.

Commencement: Students are invited to graduate at commencement exercises if the following criteria are met:

- The student completes the requirements for a Deary High School diploma.
- Transfer students must satisfy remaining graduation requirements for a Deary High School diploma.

Salutatorian Honors: The student selected for this honor must have 49 credits before the start of the second semester and have the next highest grade point average.

Valedictorian Honors: The student(s) selected for this honor must have 49 credits before the start of the second semester and have a grade point average of 4.00 or above, regardless of class ranking.

Enrollment Exceptions: The District will not admit students who have been expelled from another school district for violating the Gun-Free School Act until the student has completed the expulsion for at least a year. As with all suspensions and expulsions, a due process hearing will be conducted.

Honor Roll: To be eligible for the Honor Roll, a student must be enrolled in 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 be enrolled in four academic courses and earn a 3.00 to 3.49 grade point average for the term.

Online Learning: Students may enroll in approved online courses (such as Idaho Digital Learning Alliance or college courses) during the school day when the course supports their academic plan, including credit recovery, advanced coursework, scheduling needs, or other reasons, provided administrative approval.

Enrollment requires approval from the school counselor, principal, and other appropriate staff. Designated staff may confer and communicate with the parent/guardian to determine eligibility before registering a student for online learning. Students must meet any required prerequisites, submit registration materials by the deadline, and demonstrate academic readiness, organization, and self-motivation needed for success in an online learning environment. Students interested in online learning should meet with the guidance counselor to determine whether it is an appropriate option. Students with a GPA of 2.75 or higher and those with a C or better in core academic areas will receive consideration for enrollment in online coursework.

PowerSchool: Grades are displayed in our student management system, *PowerSchool*.

Letter grades will be assigned when a student earns the percentage of the total points 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

Codes that teachers may use in *PowerSchool* include:

- *Late* - work was submitted late and is worth half the credit given at the teacher's discretion.
- *Incomplete* - The work was submitted partially complete.
- *Missing with a "0"* - The work was not submitted and will no longer be accepted.
- *Missing with "No score"* - The work is missing, but it will still be accepted.
- *Exempt/Excused* - The work will not count for or against the students' grade.

Registration: Classes will be assigned by the counselor the week before school starts.

Registration will be held before the start of the school year. At that time, students can pick up their schedules, request class changes, and sign up for lockers. Students may only request class changes during the first week of classes.

Juniors and seniors may qualify to be a teacher aide, but not more than one period per day. They must have approval from both the teacher and the counselor. The assignment is contingent on approval from the counselor and school administrator.

ATTENDANCE

According to our state and school policy, a student must be in attendance at least ***90% of the time that school is in session*** to receive credit for coursework. 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 circumstances make absences unavoidable, such as an extended illness, the principal may waive the loss of credit.

Absences due to school-sponsored activities, bereavement in the immediate family, subpoenas or court orders, or illnesses verified by a doctor's statement are exempt from the 90% attendance policy. Absences which will be counted in the 90% limit will include, but are not limited to: family trips; work days; vacations; visiting friends or relatives; suspension in and out of school; watching tournaments when not an actual participant; hair, medical, dental, or photography

appointments; skiing; hunting; court appearances (when not court-ordered); attending concerts; or shopping.

If a student will be absent from school, late to school, or has missed a class period, a parent must notify our main office by 9:00 am. If this is not possible, written notification will be accepted.

Excused Absences: If students know they will be gone from school due to an excused absence, they are responsible for arranging with the teacher to complete missed classwork. Unless special circumstances apply, they will have no more school days to make up the work than the days they were absent.

Open/Closed Campus: Students must check out through the school office when they leave campus during the school day, except during their designated lunch period. If a student needs to leave school before the end of the day, the office must receive advance notification from a parent or guardian. Students in grades 9-12 may leave campus during their lunch period unless otherwise notified by school administration.

The campus is closed during lunch for students in grades 6 through 8. These students are expected to remain on campus in designated areas throughout their lunch period.

If a student receives disciplinary action that includes closed campus provisions, but proceeds to leave campus, the following will occur:

- 1st offense: Remaining days of closed campus will be in lunch detention, with parent notification. One day of in-school suspension.
- 2nd offense: One day in-school suspension and mandatory parent conference with school administration to decide the next steps.
- 3rd offense: Three days of out-of-school suspension and a mandatory parent conference with school administration to decide the next steps.

Semester Final Exam Exemption: This policy is designed to incentivize consistent daily attendance, strong academic performance, and high work completion rates throughout the semester. This policy balances the reward of an exemption with opportunities for students to maximize their academic achievement. The guidelines below apply to all students enrolled in semester-length courses, with the exceptions noted for graduating seniors.

- The teachers will not teach or assess any new content the week of the final exams.
- Student eligibility for exemptions will be determined based on grades calculated on the day immediately preceding the start of final exams.
- A student who qualifies for the exemption may still choose to take the exam to raise their overall grade. Taking the exam carries no risk, as it will not be allowed to lower their existing grade.

- Grades to determine a student's need to take final exams will be determined the day before the start of exams.
- Seniors are required to attend class and take all final exams during the second semester; they are not eligible for second-semester exemptions.
 - Teachers retain the option to log the final assessment as a final exam grade or a standard test grade.

For a student to be eligible for a final exam exemption in any course, a student must first meet both of the following baseline requirements:

- Have nine (9) or fewer absences during the semester.
- Have passing grades in both quarters of the semester for that specific course; a failing grade in either quarter automatically disqualifies a student from that course's exemption.

A student who meets the baseline requirements above may be exempt from the final exam based on their academic average and assignment completion rates:

- 90% or higher average: Requires a minimum of 85% classwork completion rate to qualify for an exemption.
- 80 to 89% average: Requires a minimum of 90% classwork completion rate to qualify for an exemption.
- 75 to 79% average: Requires a minimum of 100% classwork completion rate to qualify for an exemption.

Tardiness: A student is tardy if they are not in their assigned seat when the bell rings to begin class or do not meet the teacher's arrival expectations. Students missing more than ten (10) minutes after the start of class may be considered truant or marked absent unless proper documentation is provided.

Students arriving late should report directly to their classroom teacher. A tardy may be excused when written permission is provided by the office or a school administrator/designee due to illness, an emergency, or another school-approved activity.

Consequences for accumulating too many tardies in one semester include:

- 1st offense: Warning.
- 2nd offense: Warning.
- 3rd offense: One thirty (30)-minute lunch detention to make up for missed class time and parent notification.
- 4th offense: One thirty (30)-minute lunch detention to make up for missed class time and a loss of open campus privilege for five (5) consecutive school days and mandatory parent conference with school administration/designee to decide the next steps.
- 5th offense: Loss of open campus privilege for five (5) consecutive school days and a one (1)-hour detention to make up for missed class time.

- 6th offense: Loss of open campus privilege for twenty (20) consecutive school days and a one (1)-hour detention to make up for missed class time.
- 7th offense: Loss of open campus privileges for the remainder of the semester and a mandatory parent conference with school administration/designee to determine next steps.

Truancy: As defined by Idaho Code § 33-204, truancy is not being in attendance at school during the regular school day *without* the permission of a parent or guardian or a legitimate reason for absence. The student will be deemed truant if the parent/guardian has not excused the absence with a phone call or note within two (2) school days following the student's return to school. Students missing more than ten (10) minutes of class may be considered truant or marked absent unless proper documentation is provided. If an adequate acceptable excuse is not provided within the required time frame, the following steps will be taken:

- The absence will be unexcused, and a student will receive a zero for any work submitted during the missed class.
- Further trancies may be referred to the Latah County Truancy Court.

Unexcused Absences: Absences that do not qualify as excused, including suspension, will have no additional time to make up the missed work. Students who are suspended must get work from their teachers before their absence and turn it in upon the day of their return to earn credit. They must also take any assessments on the day of their return or when scheduled with the teacher. All work missed must be turned in immediately upon their return.

CONDUCT & EXPECTATIONS

Academic Integrity: Academic honesty is expected of every student. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- Cheating.
- Plagiarism.
- Unauthorized collaboration.
- Unauthorized use of electronic devices or digital platforms.
- Theft of academic work.
- Submitting work created by another person or artificial intelligence (AI) as one's own without teacher approval or in a manner that violates academic integrity expectations.

Acceptable Use of District-Provided Technology: The Whitepine Joint School District provides technology resources and internet access to support learning, research, communication, and educational collaboration. Use of district technology and network resources is a privilege, not a right, and all students are expected to use these resources responsibly, ethically, legally, and in accordance with district policies.

Students may not use district technology or network access to:

- Access, create, possess, or share inappropriate, obscene, or offensive content.
- Harass, bully, threaten, impersonate, or invade others' privacy.
- Engage in illegal activities, including copyright infringement, or unauthorized access to accounts, devices, or networks.
- Damage, disrupt, or misuse district technology or network resources.
- Download or install unauthorized software, games, music, or other files.
- Use district technology for commercial, financial, or other non-educational purposes.

Students are expected to protect their passwords, use only their assigned accounts, and respect the privacy and others' intellectual property.

Violations of this policy may result in the loss of technology or internet privileges, disciplinary action, parent/guardian notification, restitution for damages when appropriate, and referral to law enforcement if required by law.

Dress Code: Students are expected to wear clothing that supports a safe and productive learning environment. Clothing must not interfere with learning, compromise safety, or disrupt school operations. Students whose attire violates the dress code will be discreetly allowed to correct the violation. Repeated violations may result in progressive disciplinary action.

Appropriate attire for school and school-sponsored events includes, but is not limited to:

- Clothing that is clean, in good repair, and fits appropriately.
- Attire that does not include obscene, profane, or vulgar words, images, or gestures.
- Clothing that does not include references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or other illegal substances.
- Clothing with messages or images that display harassment, discrimination, or the promotion of bias based on race, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or other protected characteristics.
- Shirts that fully cover the torso, including the abdomen and lower back.
- Tops with straps or sleeves. Spaghetti-strap tops may be worn when layered with another shirt. Sheer or see-through shirts need to be worn with an appropriate undershirt.
- Bottoms, including shorts, skirts, and skorts, should extend to mid-thigh when standing.
- Clothing that fully covers undergarments (ex: underwear, boxer shorts, bras, or panties) so they are not visible.
- Faces that remain visible during the day to support safety and identification, except when face coverings are worn for health or religious reasons.
- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Headwear must be removed when inside the school building, including ball caps, hats, hoods, stocking caps, and sunglasses, unless worn for health or religious reasons.
- Long coats or trench coats must be stored in the student locker during the day.
- Bags, backpacks, purses, etc. must be stored in the student locker during the day.

Minute of Silence: At or near the beginning of each school day, all grade levels in all schools shall observe at least 60 seconds of silence as required by Idaho Code. During this minute, students may sit quietly or engage in any silent activity permitted by school rules and District policy, provided the activity does not distract or interfere with other students. Engaging in noisy or disruptive activities during this time is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action.

Staff shall not direct students regarding the nature of any reflection the students may choose to engage in during this time.

Parking: The right to park on campus comes with an array of responsibilities. Student parking is located in the lot on the south side of the school and the area along the fence adjacent to the football field. Students may not park in the emergency vehicle lane or in staff parking areas. Parking spaces will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Students who are driving on-campus must adhere to safety rules and demonstrate prudent behavior.

Students who do not follow the expectations will receive a request to move their vehicle and be subject to further consequences. Violations will be counted per semester and will result in the following consequences:

- 1st Consequence - Warning.
- 2nd Consequence - Loss of parking privileges for five school days, beginning with the day following the infraction the next school day.
- 3rd Consequence - Loss of parking privileges for the remainder of the quarter, beginning with the day following the infraction the next school day.
- 4th Consequence - Loss of parking privileges for the remainder of the semester, beginning with the day following the infraction the next school day.

Personal (Student-owned) Electronic Devices: To support a focused learning environment, the use of student-owned or personal electronic devices during the school day is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, wireless earbuds/headphones, portable gaming devices, hotspots, and other internet-connected or communication devices.

All personal electronic devices must remain out of sight and stored in a student's locker or backpack throughout the school day unless use is required by an approved Section 504 Plan or Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Students who violate this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, including the confiscation of the device, parent/guardian notification, detention, loss of privilege to bring the device to school, or other appropriate consequences. Confiscated devices will be released to a parent/guardian from the school office before 3:30 pm.

Electronic devices may never be used to bully, harass, threaten, intimidate, record others without permission, access or share inappropriate content, or violate school rules or the law. The creation, possession, or distribution of sexually explicit or AI-generated explicit or demeaning content is strictly prohibited, resulting in serious disciplinary action, parent/guardian notification, and, when required by law, referral to law enforcement. Any student victimized by the misuse of these technologies will receive full support, including confidentiality, and protection from retaliation.

Parents/guardians needing to contact a student during the school day should call the school office. Likewise, students needing to contact a parent/guardian may do so through the school office.

Public Display of Affection: Excessive display of affection, anything more than holding hands, may be embarrassing to others. Students whose behavior at school or activities is considered inappropriate will be advised privately to avoid embarrassment. Continued inappropriate behavior will be considered a disciplinary infraction, and consequences may be applied.

Unpaid Bills: Students may owe a payment for library fines, meals, lost or damaged books, technology fines, or other fees. 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 Middle/High School due to insufficient funds on account.

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.

DISCIPLINE

Whitepine Joint School District is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and orderly learning environment where all students can learn. Student discipline is intended to teach appropriate behavior, promote accountability, restore relationships when appropriate, and protect the educational opportunities of all students.

Students are expected to follow school rules, comply with staff directions, demonstrate respect for others and property, and contribute positively to the school community. Conduct that disrupts learning, threatens safety, or violates school rules may result in disciplinary action.

Behaviors Subject to Disciplinary Action: Students may be disciplined for conduct that includes, but is not limited to:

- Repeated disruptions of the learning environment.
- Defiance or insubordination.
- Excessive tardiness or unexcused absences.
- Forgery or falsification of school records.

- Academic dishonesty.
- Bullying, harassment, intimidation, hazing, or cyberbullying.
- Fighting, threats, or acts of violence.
- Theft, vandalism, or damage to school or personal property.
- Possession, use, distribution, or being under the influence of tobacco, nicotine products, alcohol, illegal drugs, controlled substances, look-alike drugs, prescription drugs, or drug paraphernalia.
- Possession or use of weapons or objects that could reasonably be used as weapons.

These expectations apply on school property, during school-sponsored events, while traveling to or from school events, on school transportation, and when off-campus behavior substantially impacts the school environment.

The Whitepine Joint School District keeps discipline records in the school's digital student management system, *PowerSchool*. Students who receive disciplinary action are entitled to due process protections under state law. Students receiving services under an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan will be disciplined according to state and federal laws. Any appeal(s) to the disciplinary action must be made in writing before the scheduled consequence. Failing to do this could result in a denial of the appeal and/or further disciplinary action.

Progressive Discipline Steps: Whenever appropriate, disciplinary action will be progressive and designed to correct behavior while maintaining a safe learning environment. School administrators or designees may consider the severity of the behavior, the student's age and developmental level, prior disciplinary history, and the impact on other students or the school community.

Depending on the circumstances, disciplinary responses may include:

- Verbal warning or redirection.
- Loss of credit for class assignments or assessments.
- Parent or guardian contact.
- Restorative conferences or mediation.
- Reflection activities.
- Counseling or behavioral interventions.
- Lunch or after-school detentions.
- Loss of privileges.
- Restitution for damages.
- Temporary classroom removal.
- In-school suspension.
- Long-term or short-term out-of-school suspension.
- Expulsion.

Zero Tolerance Violations: The Whitepine Joint School District considers the following behaviors to pose a high degree of danger. Serious misconduct may result in suspension or expulsion without progressing through lesser consequences. In addition, a report may be filed with local law enforcement for prosecution. All Special Education laws will be followed if a student's designation is such. For more information, see I.C. 18-3302D or Board Policy 3331. These include, but are not limited to:

- Possession or use of firearms or dangerous weapons.
- Possession, sale, or distribution of illegal drugs.
- Serious threats of violence.
- Causing significant injury (assault).
- Other criminal conduct that occurs on school property or during school-sponsored activities.

SAFETY & PROPERTY

Emergency Safety Drills: Each student and teacher must be thoroughly familiar and comply with the school emergency plans.

Emergency School Closure: When school must be canceled or delayed due to severe weather or other emergencies, announcements will be made through the emergency notification system, television and radio stations, and the school's Facebook page.

Insurance: The Whitepine Joint School District does not provide medical insurance to pay medical expenses when students are injured at school. This is the responsibility of the parents or legal guardians. The district only carries legal liability insurance. Applications for individual insurance policies are available at the office. The coverage for these policies ranges from coverage for accidents on school grounds to coverage for competitive sports. This insurance is provided by an independent carrier and is not sponsored by the school district.

Lockers: Lockers are the property of the school and may be searched when warranted. Unannounced searches of lockers or any other item, such as a personal vehicle on school property, may be conducted at any time during the year. Searches may include the use of police dogs.

During registration, the office staff will assign lockers and locks to students. A \$10.00 fee will be charged if the lock is lost, damaged, or not returned. Students must receive permission from the principal before changing locker assignments.

The school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items. It is advised that personal property be marked for identification purposes. The administration reminds parents and students that large amounts of money and other items of value should not be brought to school.

STUDENT SERVICES

Associated Student Body (ASB) Council: The Student Council is made up of students from each class who are interested in participating. The function of the student council is to set goals for the school year and determine the activities the student body will support.

Office Telephones: 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. The staff will relay messages to students if necessary. However, if you need to get information to your child, please do this before 2:00 pm as we want to ensure enough time to process the message.

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. If a student has questions or concerns about these services, please feel free to contact the school guidance counselor.

School Issued Equipment, Technology, and 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, it is the student's responsibility for safekeeping. Lost or damaged items will result in an assessment sufficient to repair or replace the article.

Students are issued a school device and charger at the beginning of the school year. Students are responsible for the care and security of their device and are expected to keep it in good working condition. Students are expected to:

- Keep their assigned device and charger secure at all times.
- Store devices and chargers in a secure location when not in use.
- Use devices in accordance with District technology policies and the Student Acceptable Use Agreement.
- Use only the device and charger assigned to them and do not loan equipment to others.
- Keep all District identification labels, barcodes, asset tags, and device numbers intact and visible.
- Immediately report missing or damaged labels to the librarian for replacement. ** If these become loose during the school year, it is my responsibility to visit the library for replacements to avoid consequences.*
- Refrain from placing stickers on, marking, writing on, or otherwise altering the District-owned devices or chargers.

Students are to report issues with the District-owned technology immediately to the librarian or the designated technology staff. If a student needs a charger, there are school charging stations that can be used. A student who loses a charger may be required to use these charging stations to complete required assignments.

Students are responsible for any loss, damage, or misuse of District-issued devices and chargers while the equipment is assigned to them. Extra chargers may also be available from the librarian. Students will be required to fill out a *Lost Device Report* if they lose their assigned equipment. Damaged or lost devices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and may result in disciplinary action or charges based on the assessed damages:

- Lost chargers or chargers returned damaged beyond regular wear and tear: **\$25**
- Lost devices or devices damaged beyond repair due to mistreatment: **\$350**
- Fees for stickers added to devices: **\$5 per sticker**
- Fees for labels removed from devices (examples: barcode, device #, etc.): **\$5 per label**
- Replacement Touchscreen: **\$100** / Replacement Non-Touchscreen: **\$40**
- Replacement Keyboard: **\$30**

School Meals: Breakfast and lunch are available to all students. There are also free and reduced lunch applications for students. Students will only be allowed up to 10 charges after the lunch meal ticket has expired.

The meal prices are as follows:

Breakfast

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| ● Grades K - 6 | \$3.45 |
| ● Grades 7 - 12 | \$3.70 |
| ● Reduced Breakfast | \$0.30 |
| ● Adults | \$3.10 |
| ● Extra Milk | \$0.75 |

Lunch

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| ● Grades K-6 | \$4.45 |
| ● Grades 7-12 | \$4.95 |
| ● Reduced Lunch | \$0.40 |
| ● Adults | \$5.30 |
| ● Extra Milk | \$0.75 |

School Nurse: A registered nurse, contracted with the District, does routine check-ups for vision, hearing, and spinal curvature for all students. The school nurse does not replace the family doctor, and any health concerns should be discussed with the primary doctor.

School-Sponsored Events: Clubs and organizations sponsoring school events like dances or parties must be cleared with the sponsoring advisor, the ASB Student Council, as well as the school principal. Organizations can also request to host an event with one other nearby school.

Events must have chaperones and end no later than 12:00 A.M. School-sponsored events will be limited to students who attend Deary High School. If a student would like to request a guest pass, they must inform the office staff at least 24 hours before the event. Guests who arrive and are not on the pass list will be excluded from the event.

Once students leave the event, they will not be allowed to re-enter. In addition to the club advisor, at least one additional supervisor and chaperones will be required.

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.

Transportation: The District shall provide transportation to and from school for a student who resides at least 1 ½ miles from the nearest appropriate school, determined by the nearest and best route. Each route is managed by a trained school bus driver who has the authority to enforce rules for safety and emergencies. Students must conduct themselves safely and respectfully when riding the bus. Any violation of the rules may cause a loss of bus/transportation privileges.



**Deary Middle/High School
Parent-Student Acknowledgment Form
2026–2027 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 28, 2026.

Acknowledgment Statement

We acknowledge that we have received, read, and understand the *Deary Middle/High School Student Handbook* for the 2026–2027 school year. We are aware of the policies, rules, procedures, and consequences outlined within the handbook. We understand that it is our responsibility as a parent and as a 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 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:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

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

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