

Bear River
High School



**STUDENT
HANDBOOK
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Welcome to Bear River High School! The faculty, staff and administration support the philosophy that students have the right to learn in the best possible atmosphere. School should be an orderly and safe place, one where young adults will want to be because they believe that their rights and feelings will be respected by others. The school personnel believe it is reasonable to expect students to arrive at school with the good citizenship necessary for the orderly conduct required on campus and in the classroom. We look forward to another stellar year at Bear River with our outstanding student body.

MISSION STATEMENT

Bear River High School's mission is to provide a positive environment for all students developing lifelong learners who utilize a multitude of educational opportunities to grow socially, emotionally, professionally and academically, preparing them to make empowered choices for their future.

VISION STATEMENT

Bear River High School strives to inspire all students to value and practice resilience, problem solving, empathy, and integrity, equipping them to contribute and thrive in an ever-changing global society.

BRUIN CORE VALUES

Our core values reflect what it means to be a Bruin... each staff member, student, and family and community partner strives to embody these ideals, both at Bear River and beyond it, in the larger community.



Brave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing up for what is right • Taking on challenging classes • Pushing themselves—even it means making a mistake on the way to achieving a goal • Admitting when they are in over their heads without feeling like they're failing • Asking for help before they get overwhelmed • Take responsibility for their educational success 	Resilient <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working through a hard assignment or test • Good grade on a test • Using self-restraint in a difficult situation in class (avoiding an argument) • Turns in all assignments • Having a growth mindset • Sticking with goals
Unified <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping another person • Showing kindness to another person • Sticking up for someone • Eating lunch with someone that is alone • Stopping a fight- not being a bystander • Showing concern for another student • Working well in a group • Giving someone a kind thought or gesture 	Innovative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning a new skill • Teaching another student how to do something • Going above and beyond on an assignment or presentation • Seeking out information on their own • Be solution oriented • Work together to come up with new ways of solving problems
Noble <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteering for school service • Volunteering in class to help • Taking on extra assignments/projects that others do not • Winning with grace • Positive cheering at sporting events • Picking up trash • Helping a fellow student w/classwork 	Self-Disciplined <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paying attention in class • Turning in assignments on time • Using self-restraint in a difficult situation in class (avoiding an argument) • Always showing good citizenship • Showing leadership and setting a good example • Doing something that needs to be done without being asked

AA PASS

To reward good attendance, Bear River students can earn an “AA” pass, with teacher’s permission.

Requirements:

- Students cannot miss more than 3 excused days or 24 excused periods in a semester with the exception of medically documented absences (doctor’s notes need to be submitted within 3 days of the absence)
- May not have more than 8 tardies per semester
- May not have any trancies
- No behavior referrals
- Must be a full-time BR student

How it works:

- Students may be allowed to waive a final exam in a class where they are receiving an “A” grade.
- The California University system does not allow the skipping of honors or AP finals.
- Students may not use an AA pass for the same class two consecutive semesters.

ACADEMIC HONESTY/PLAGIARISM

Bear River High School is dedicated to providing students with an environment that encourages academic honesty and integrity. Academic honesty requires that students produce work that is their own. Students are to be aware that cheating, plagiarism or other acts of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated.

Students who participate in acts of academic dishonesty will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Academic dishonesty/plagiarism can take many forms, including:

- Electronically sharing one's work with other students
- Submitting another student's electronic document as your own
- Multiple students submitting the same work on an individual assignment (as opposed to a group assignment or project)
- Copying and pasting any portion of another person's work into your own document, particularly without properly citing the source
- Modifying or paraphrasing content from another source without citing the source
- Using AI and validating it as your own work
- Showing your answers to other students or looking at another student's answers/responses
- Including words or images found on the internet in one's work without properly citing the source

Please visit this University of Oxford resource for additional information about plagiarism and its many forms: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills/plagiarism?wssl=1>.

Bear River High School uses a program called Turnitin.com, an electronic service to help monitor plagiarism. This online tool compares student papers to a database both of papers submitted by other students and to sources on the internet, and plagiarism software/resources. Papers that students submit will become part of the "Turnitin.com" plagiarism detection database.

Consequences:

Students who cheat, plagiarize, or are involved in academic dishonesty will experience the following consequences (cumulative for the duration of enrollment at Bear River):

- 1st Offense: Grade of zero on the assignment without opportunity to make up the assignment, parent contact, and educational intervention.
- 2nd Offense: Parent meeting, possible withdrawal/fail in course, behavioral agreement, and possible 1-5 days of suspension.

ALL ACCESS PASS

An All Access Pass may be purchased in the Student Store at a cost of \$90. With an All Access Pass, students receive free admission to all home athletic events (CIF play-off games/events not included), and free admission to both semi formal dances.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

A student athlete must meet both the NJUHSD and CIF academic eligibility standards. Each student must have recorded a minimum of a 2.0 GPA during the quarter grading period prior to athletic participation, and be enrolled in at least 20 semester periods of work. A 2.0 GPA must be earned at each quarter grading period throughout the athlete's sport season. In addition, an athlete who has two grades of "F" in the last quarter grading period is ineligible to participate (practice or play) in athletics even though he/she may have maintained a 2.0 GPA and earned twenty (20) credits. Any athlete who becomes scholastically ineligible when administration receives grade reports will be immediately dropped from the team and will not be eligible to receive a letter, an award or physical education credit. All incomplete

grades are to be computed as “F” grades until they are officially changed by the teacher of record and duly recorded in the school’s records office. A grade change must occur within two weeks of the grading period. Please refer all questions about athletic eligibility to our Athletic Director, Jeff Bickmore: jbickmore@njuhsd.com

ATTENDANCE

Whenever a student is absent with parental consent for all or part of a school day, the parent is required to explain the absence in person, by telephone, by email, or in writing. Parents may verify an absence by phoning the Attendance Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Emails should be sent to Terri Herbert at therbert@njuhsd.com. Students who present a written excuse to the Attendance Office must be in class before the tardy bell. Notes must be in ink and must include: a) the student’s name and ID number; b) grade level; c) date(s) of absence; d) reason for absence; and e) signature of parent or legal guardian with date note was written. All routine medical and dental appointments should be scheduled before or after school whenever possible. **Absences not cleared within three days will turn into cuts and Saturday School will be assigned.** In order to participate in co-curricular or extracurricular activities, the student must be present in school all day on the day of the activity. If the activity occurs on the weekend, the student must be in attendance on that Friday before. Athletic exceptions must be verified in advance by site administration. It is important that students assume responsibility for missing classes.

Early Dismissal – Students who need to leave school during the school day are required to bring a note and present it to their attendance tech or have a parent call stating the reason and the time the student is to be dismissed. An early dismissal will be issued for the student to present to their teacher. **Students must have an early dismissal form in hand prior to leaving campus.**

STATEMENT REGARDING ABSENCES/LATE WORK

- Students are responsible for obtaining, completing, and submitting all missed work. Parents are encouraged to follow up with their students to make sure all work is made up.
- ***School Functions and Sports Release:*** We have many amazing opportunities for students to engage in sports, school functions, and community events here at Bear River. If students are aware of an upcoming absence (i.e. extra-curricular activities/sports/field trips), they are responsible for any and all work missed and must turn in assignments on the due date as if they had been in class. The student is required to let their teachers know in advance of their pending absence and to obtain the assignments they will miss. Students must also make arrangements to take any missed quizzes or tests. This is especially important for athletes!
- Should an unexpected absence occur, (i.e. illness/bereavement /etc.) students should use Schoology/teacher websites to stay current and contact their teachers the first day back to school to schedule an appointment for make-up tests, quizzes, labs, etc. Failure to arrange a time to make up an exam, quiz, or lab may result in a zero in the Schoology gradebook.
- An extended absence (3 to 14 consecutive days) due to a vacation or planned personal event requires an Independent Study Plan. This document is obtained in the office well in advance of the absence. The assignments, provided by teachers, are due to each teacher on the day of return to classes. An Independent Study Plan means students will work on and complete assignments during their absences to keep current with course content. Some assignments may require bringing a textbook or having access to Schoology on the Internet. Failure to complete the

assigned Independent Study Plan will result in Saturday school and zeroes entered in the Schoology gradebook.

- It is always the students' responsibility to be aware of their commitments and take care of their work when they have to miss class time. It is highly recommended that students identify a classmate in each class who they can contact for a brief recap of a missed class period and that students check Schoology for any new assignments.

Excessive Absences – Parents can excuse up to 5 absences with a note or phone call. After the 5th absence in a semester, a doctor's note is required. Students are expected to make up excessive absences through Saturday School attendance (one Saturday School session equals a school day missed). Students who establish a pattern of unexcused absences or who have excessive absences, or patterns of missed periods, will be referred to a Student Study Team and/or the Student Attendance Mediation (SAM) process will be initiated. The principal will counsel the student, notify parents and administer disciplinary action as necessary. Absences for school sponsored field trips, athletics, other school activities, or doctor/dentist appointments **with notes from the doctor/dentist**, will not apply to this policy.

"Ditch Days" are **not** authorized by the school. Senior "cut" days will result in loss of senior activities including Senior Prom (if the Friday prior to the dance is missed), Commencement Exercises (if commencement practice is missed) and the like.

Tardiness – Punctuality is an important life skill. It is important to be on time to class and prepared to work when the bell rings. Students are considered tardy when they enter a classroom during or after the tardy bell. Excessive tardiness and the disruptions that they cause will not be accepted. Tardies will be handled in the following manner per semester:

*Tardy # 1-2: Warning

*Tardy # 3-5: Meeting with Principal, parent contact, and one hour detention per tardy to be served within a week.

*Tardy # 6-7: Meeting with Principal, parent contact, and educational intervention as assigned.

*Tardy # 8: Meeting with parent and student with possible additional educational intervention, Saturday School, and/or behavioral agreement.

*Tardy # 9-10: Referral to Student Attendance Mediation (SAM) and additional Saturday School.

Truancies – Any absence without parental permission or without permission of a school authority for minutes or more from any class constitutes truancy. *Any unexcused absences* will be referred to the Principal for assignment of educational intervention, detention, and/or Saturday School.

P.E. Excuses – A note from the parent or doctor should be given directly to the instructor. A parent may excuse up to five days; a doctor's note is needed for a longer period of time. The doctor's note should specify the prohibited and permitted activities as this may increase the potential for student participation and academic success. Notes that indicate "No PE" are discouraged as there may be some level of activity in which a student may engage. If there is a chronic illness or injury, the student's counselor should be contacted to discuss possible solutions.

BULLYING

Bullying is unacceptable at Bear River. We expect teachers, staff and students to immediately report any type of bullying for administrative action.

The four types of bullying behavior:

- **Physical Bullying:** harm to another's body or property
- **Emotional Bullying:** harm to another's self worth
- **Social Bullying:** harm to another's group acceptance
- **Cyber-bullying:** threats made over the internet, including texting and all social media

Bullying may include:

- Calling names or making fun of someone
- Pinching, pushing or shoving
- Taking things away from someone
- Damaging someone's belongings
- Spreading rumors
- Saying or writing nasty things about someone
- Making someone feel uncomfortable or small

If you see or know of someone being bullied, ***PLEASE*** tell an adult about your concerns.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Students who take advantage of bus transportation must follow these guidelines:

- Students **must** show their student ID card to the bus driver upon boarding the bus. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary actions including detention, Saturday school and/or loss of bus privileges.
- Students must obey all bus rules.
- All school rules apply. Disorderly conduct or refusal to submit to the authority of the bus driver shall be sufficient reason for a student to be denied bus privileges.

CLEAN CAMPUS

Students are expected to pick up their own trash and are encouraged to help keep the campus clean. Food and drinks (water is allowed) are not allowed in classrooms at any time. The following behavior is prohibited on campus:

- Throwing food
- Stealing from cafeteria or from others
- Pushing/shoving
- Cutting in line
- Students must also place trash and excess food in trash containers. Failure to do so will result in detention, after school or on Saturday, or community service.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Bear River High School is a closed campus, including during lunch time. Once students arrive on campus for the school day, they are required to stay on campus until their school day has concluded. No student is allowed to leave during the school day without an Early Dismissal Slip from the office. Non-Bear River students are not allowed to come on campus without checking in at the Main Office **and** receiving prior permission from an administrator to visit. TA's cannot leave school grounds at any time.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities to participate in clubs, athletic teams, performing or competitive groups and student government. Please visit the Student Store for more information.

COMPUTER USE POLICY

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and students must read the [9-12 Student Instructional Technology Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy](#) as part of the Annual Parent Notifications. You will find the agreement through the Bear River High School website (<http://bearriver.njuhsd.com>), by clicking on the “Resources” tab, followed by “Parents/Guardians”, and then “Annual Parent Notifications.”

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) understand that some material on the Internet may be objectionable, but accept responsibility for the guidance of Internet use and conveyance of standards for the student to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Internet Policy

In exchange for the use of Bear River High School Chromebooks, computers and devices, including access to the Internet, the student agrees to the following:

- Network access is a privilege which may be revoked at any time for inappropriate or abusive conduct. This includes, but is not limited to, altering network or workstation files or configurations, the placing of disruptive or unlawful information on or through the system, and the use or retrieval of obscene, abusive or otherwise objectionable language or images in either public or private files or messages.
- Students will not use their access to obtain, view, download or otherwise gain access to such materials. Bear River reserves the right to review any material stored in files to which all users have access, and will edit or remove materials which may be unlawful, obscene, pornographic, abusive or otherwise objectionable.
- Violation of the above conditions will result in one or more of the following consequences: immediate loss of privileges, suspension, and recommendation for an expulsion hearing and/or criminal prosecution.

Use of Personally Owned Devices

Electronic devices are prohibited from being used in the classroom setting. Parents should refrain from texting or calling students on their cell phones during the school day. In the event of an emergency, parents can call the office and information can be delivered to the student very quickly. We appreciate the support of our families in regard to maintaining the academic focus of our classroom environments.

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. The Nevada Joint Union High School District is not liable for any device lost, stolen or damaged, including lost or corrupted data on a device. To use a personal device within the school, students must register it by connecting it to our “Public Wi-Fi”. The school district has the right to collect and examine any device if there is a reason to believe that school policies, regulations, or guidelines on use of the device have been violated.

Internet

Only the Internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while on campus. Connection to third party access points or the establishment of ad-hoc network access via Internet connection devices (hot-spots, air cards) is not permitted. Please note that students using their own device to gain access to the Internet via their own cellular (3G/4G) data plan is not filtered.

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. The Nevada Joint Union High School District is not liable for any device lost, stolen or damaged, including lost or corrupted data on a device. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. Please check with your homeowner's policy regarding coverage of personal electronic devices, as many insurance policies can cover loss or damage. Also, if the device has a locator feature, enable it. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

Safety

An important component of using technology on campus will be education about appropriate online behaviors. Teachers will review cyber-safety rules with students throughout the course of the school year, and will offer reminders and reinforcement about safe online behaviors. In addition to the rules outlined in these guidelines, students will be expected to comply with all class and school rules while using school issued devices as well as personal devices outside of the classroom setting.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use

Inappropriate use or violation of Technology Usage or Safety Policy on personal equipment may also result in disciplinary action in coordination with policies. When a student misuses a device please refer to your electronic device policy in the student handbook.

Students and Parents acknowledge that:

To use a personal device outside of the classroom, students must register it by connecting it to our "NJUHSD GUEST" WiFi.

Devices may not be used for non-instructional purposes, such as making personal voice calls, text/instant messaging, playing non-educational games, viewing non-educational videos, or to cheat on assignments or tests.

Devices may not be used to record, transmit or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours.

The school's network filters will be applied to personal devices connected to the school's Internet gateway. Attempts to bypass the filter will result in disciplinary action.

Printing from personal devices will not be possible at school.

The district is not responsible for the maintenance or repair of any personal technology.

The district is not responsible for any costs incurred due to the use of personal technology.

Bringing on the premises or infecting the network with a virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of the Technology Usage Policy. This will result in disciplinary or legal action.

Processing or accessing information on school property related to “hacking,” altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of the Technology Usage Policy. This will result in disciplinary or legal action.

The school district has the right to collect and examine any device if there is a reason to believe that school policies, regulations, or guidelines on use of the device have been violated.

COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE

Bear River High School counselors help students understand their abilities, interests, talents and personality so that the student can develop realistic academic and career options. Counselors advise on college majors, admission requirements, entrance exams, and financial aid. Counselors also advise on trade, technical school and apprenticeship programs. Additionally, counselors support students with their social and emotional needs and challenges throughout high school and connect students to services that may be needed.

Students are assigned to counselors, as follows:

Student's last name (A-L): Savannah Welz - (swelz@njuhsd.com)

Student's last name (M-Z): Michele Berberena-(mberberena@njuhsd.com)

Add/Drop Policy

Any academic changes to a student's schedule must take place within the first week of the semester.

Teachers may recommend class changes; however, student requests for schedule changes will only be honored based on errors with the schedule, including being placed in the wrong class, having an incomplete schedule or duplicate classes, not meeting a prerequisite for a course, or the schedule not matching the student's four-year plan (especially for seniors). If a schedule needs to be fixed, the student must submit the “Schedule Fix Form” to the Counseling Department by the end of the first week of the semester.

Withdrawal/Fail

At the end of six weeks, if a student requests to drop a class, or if a teacher recommends that a student drop a class, it is with the following understanding:

- The teacher will conference with the parent/guardian and counselor.
- The student will be assigned to a study period with the same teacher and period.
- The student's transcript will indicate a W/F (Withdrawal/Failure) for the course for the appropriate semester.
- If a student becomes a discipline problem, appropriate measures will be taken.

DANCES

All Bear River students will be verified in MINGA in order to enter dances. In order to bring a guest to a Bear River dance, BR students must arrange for the guest pass, which is available at the Student Store and must be submitted by the advertised deadline for approval by the assistant principal prior to the dance. Guests must have a current guest pass and a photo ID. Guests 21 years and older will not be allowed to

attend. The school dress code is enforced (with the exception of spaghetti straps/strapless dresses/formals for Proms) at the dance. Once students leave the dance, they will not be readmitted.

DELIVERIES

Flowers and balloons are not allowed in the classrooms and will not be delivered. Deliveries not allowed also include all food deliveries (example: DoorDash, Uber Eats, etc.). This invites unauthorized non-school related individuals on campus amongst other interruptions.

DISCIPLINE POLICY ~ EXPULSION

The Nevada Joint Union High School District strictly adheres to the California Education Code and shall expel students for the following offenses; possession of loaded or unloaded firearms, knives, explosive devices, or any other dangerous weapons, the possession, sale of a controlled substance or alcohol, commits or attempts to commit robbery or extortion, or when a student causes, attempts to cause or threatens to cause serious physical injury to another person. In the event that these or other expellable offenses are committed, the student/parent or guardian will participate in a Principal's Review Meeting. If that meeting results in a recommendation for expulsion, the student/parent or guardian will have the opportunity to participate in an expulsion hearing with district personnel. For information on expellable offenses, please visit the California Department of Education's website:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/se/expulsionrecomm.asp>.

DRESS CODE

Our dress code is designed to ensure student safety and reflect what is appropriate for an educational setting. The following guidelines apply to all students in regard to their apparel at school:

- Clothing and/or jewelry with anti-ethnic, sexist, gang affiliation or hate/violence or neo-Nazi designs or slogans or full-dress military fatigues are not allowed. Printing or pictures depicting drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, or which display profane statements are not acceptable. Wearing such clothing may result in suspension, depending on the severity.
- Clothing that exposes the midsection is not allowed. (Midsection is defined as the area in the middle of the front, sides, and back of the torso.)
- Shorts, skorts, skirts, and dresses must reach mid-thigh.
- Cut-offs should not have holes or be torn and must follow appropriate length guidelines.
- Tank tops with large armholes that extend past the armpit area, spandex-type pants, pajamas, excessively torn clothing, boxer shorts and sleeveless undershirts worn as primary clothing, strapless tops, backless tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, or transparent clothing are not permissible.
- Shoulder straps must be one inch minimum in width.
- Pants must be worn no lower than the hips.
- Shoes must be worn on the school grounds at all times.
- No spikes shall be worn on hats, clothing, or as jewelry.
- Dark glasses are outdoor attire and may not be worn in any classroom. Dark glasses may be worn before school, passing time, lunch, and after school.
- Nevada Joint Union High School District prohibits the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, notebook, or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute that represents affiliation in gangs, or which advocates drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior.
- Any attire that disrupts the learning environment of others is not allowed.

The dress code is not a punishment, but rather a tool to ensure that education can take place. Please note the dress code is enforced at all school functions including dances, games, and other events.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Bear River High School is a cell phone free zone. Cell phones and other electronic devices are brought at the students' own risk. Upon entering the classroom, students are required to turn off their cell phones and place phones in the assigned cell phone pocket located in each classroom. Unless otherwise directed by the teacher, cell phones are expected to remain in the cell phone pockets for the duration of class. Any inappropriate use of cell phones/cameras (recording/viewing fights or inappropriate behavior, inappropriate or threatening text messages etc.,) may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension from school. Students are not permitted to audio or video record staff members without prior permission from that staff member.

1st Occurrence: The teacher sends device to Assistant Principal, AP documents violation, student is issued a warning and is allowed to pick up the item in the office after school.

2nd Occurrence: The teacher sends device to Assistant Principal, AP documents violation, student is assigned one hour detention and is allowed to pick up the item in the office after school.

3rd Occurrence: The teacher sends device to Assistant Principal, AP documents violation, student is issued two hours detention and parent needs to pick up the item in the AP's office.

4th Occurrence: One day of educational intervention is assigned and parent needs to pick up the item in the AP's office after completion of suspension.

FIELD TRIPS

Students who go on a school sanctioned field trip must travel on the school arranged transportation. They may not drive or ride in personal autos without prior approval from an administrator in writing. A field trip is a privilege. Poor attendance or poor grades may result in being removed from attending a field trip.

FINES/VANDALISM

Any student who defaces school or personal property may have their grades, diploma and/or transcripts held until the pupil or their parent or guardian has paid for the damages.

GRADES

Grades received for the first and third quarters are progress reports and are not part of the permanent record, though they are used to determine Athletic Eligibility. Semester grades (December and June) are permanent grades, which will appear on a student's transcript.

Incompletes

It is the student's responsibility to complete the work to make up for an incomplete. If a grade of Incomplete needs to be issued, a written agreement will be made between the teacher, student, and parent through the student's counselor. After six weeks, incompletes become "F's". Athletes, extracurricular participants and students with work permits who receive "I's" have only two weeks to complete work or they become ineligible until the next grading period. Seniors have only the first two weeks of the second semester to make up incompletes for the first semester.

Grade requirements for extracurricular activities

Grades are the top priority and come before extracurricular activities such as drama, sports and work. Therefore, in order to participate, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA. If a student earns two "F"s in a single grading period, they become ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

California state law requires that every person attend school until he/she is 18 years old, completes high school, or passes the California High School Proficiency Examination.

All Bear River graduates must attend BRHS the entire senior school year and complete a senior project.

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are determined by the 7th semester weighted GPA. The Valedictorian is the highest weighted cumulative grade point average and the Salutatorian is the second highest. All students who receive a 4.0 or higher throughout their senior year are honored with this academic excellence at graduation.

Seniors with excessive behavior problems or major infractions may not participate in the graduation ceremony at the discretion of the school administration. All seniors must attend graduation rehearsal in order to participate in the ceremony.

HALL PASSES

All hall passes will be electronically issued through Minga. Only one student at a time will be allowed to leave the classroom. Students are expected to use the facilities or complete their task and return to class as soon as possible. Students are not permitted outside of the classroom in pairs or groups during instruction time. Students are NOT permitted outside of the classroom during an instructional period without a Hall Pass. Any students violating the school-wide hall pass policy may receive progressive discipline and or lose their hall pass privilege.

HALL LOCKERS/GYM LOCKERS

Students may be assigned a hall locker as a convenience for school day use. It is strongly recommended that students do not leave valuables in their lockers overnight, over weekends, holidays or vacations. The school is not responsible for items taken from lockers. When dressing down for P.E., students are responsible for locking their lockers to protect their belongings. Students should not share combinations.

HEALTH SERVICES

All students are required to have a current Emergency Information Card completed by a parent on file in the health office. Students who become ill at school should request a pass from their teacher to report to the Health Office. The Health Clerk will make any necessary arrangement for the student to go home.

Medications: All medication brought to school must be in the original prescription bottle and placed in the health office. This includes aspirin and Tylenol. All permission forms from physicians and parents must be renewed at the beginning of each school year. All medications that are to be kept at school for either a daily dosage or emergency use only must have a statement from a physician and a parent giving permission. The school does not accept responsibility for transportation to a medical facility. In case of potential serious physical injury, 911 will be called and the parent will be financially responsible.

INSURANCE

Nevada Joint Union High School District does not carry accident or injury insurance on any student; the responsibility for this protection lies with the parents/guardians. Low cost insurance is available and is recommended. *Students participating in interscholastic sports are required by state law to have medical insurance.*

LIBRARY/CHROMEBOOKS/TEXTBOOKS

FOOD/DRINK NOT ALLOWED IN THE LIBRARY

Library Contact:

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LIBRARY RETURN/DAMAGE/FEE POLICIES

- All items must be renewed or returned by due dates & in the condition in which they were checked out
- Damages requiring replacement include but are not limited to the following:
 - Cover damaged beyond repair; Missing pages; Major water damage; Mold; Excessive Writing; Graffiti/vandalism
- Fees for damaged or lost materials will be the current replacement cost of the item
- All fees must be paid by cash or money order. Receipts are provided.
- Fees associated with any Lost item will be removed from student's account if item is returned in usable condition

CHROMEBOOKS (See pgs 7-14 for additional technology information)

- Each student will receive a District assigned chromebook when they enter Bear River
- Visit njuhsd.com/Our-District/District-Departments/Technology/Mobile-Devices/index.html
- Insurance is available and highly recommended (a new screen, for example, can cost \$100+)
- For technical assistance contact HelpDesk (530)272-9998 helpdesk@njuhsd.com
- For Chromebook checkout or repairs, contact Library Assistant
- If chromebook is sent in for repairs, student will receive a "Loaner" chromebook & charger to use until original is returned
- "Loaner" chromebooks/chargers are ONLY available for students whose original is in for repairs
- There is a Chromebook Charging Station in the Library. See Library Staff for Assistance
- Replacement chargers are available for purchase in the Library for \$20.

TEXTBOOKS & CLASS-SET NOVELS

New textbooks can cost \$100+ and novels can cost \$20+ thus making it particularly important for students and their families to understand how to properly care for their textbooks and novels to avoid paying replacement costs. Once a textbook/novel is checked out to a student, that student is responsible for returning it by the due date and in the condition in which it was checked out.

- Ed code 48904(b) Once the book is checked out to a student, the student and parent/guardian are responsible for replacement costs. The collected funds are returned to the specific department to allow that department to purchase replacement books and materials.

To care for and keep track of textbooks/novels checked out to you:

- Write your name on the inside cover so you don't accidentally switch with another student
- Cover it (tutorial video on the library website on "Our Favorite Online Tools" tab or here)
- Keep it away from food and drink; keep it dry and clean
- DO NOT write in or on textbook/novel
- Use bookmarks rather than bending pages
- Keep it in a safe, secure place when you are not using it
- Return as soon as you are no longer using it for class

When returning a textbook/novel:

- Remove all foreign objects: papers, post-its, clips, covers, etc.

- Unfold any folded or dog-eared pages
- Erase any pencil marks in/on book
- Return books on or before their due date (or as soon as your class is finished using it)

Some common reasons for textbook/novel fees:

- Liquid/food damage
- Mold
- Irreparable damage to cover
- Missing pages
- Item is not returned and is considered “Lost”
 - This can often happen if students accidentally switch books, leave in classrooms or lockers. Always return items directly to Library staff to ensure the correct item is returned

If you have any questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to contact Library staff.

- If you believe there may be a mistake on a student account, we are happy to investigate
- We can set up a payment plan if requested
- We will work with you on finding solutions; please just contact us so we can work with you

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LITERATURE HANDOUTS/POSTINGS

All handouts and/or literature to be posted or distributed on campus must have prior administrative approval. Any unauthorized publications that result in the disruption of the educational process may result in those students responsible being suspended and disciplinary action taken.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found articles will be located in the MPR and may be claimed there, other than electronics, which can be claimed in the Main Office. Items in the Lost and Found will be donated to charity on a monthly basis (at the end of each month). Textbooks and library books found will be turned in to the library.

OPEN PERIODS

Seniors on track for graduation and with good attendance, behavior, and academic standing, may receive an open period (1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th period) during the senior year. The expectation of students with open periods is that they are not on campus during these periods. Students with open 1st or 1st & 2nd periods off, cannot come on campus until after the class period they have off has concluded. Students with 8th or 7th & 8th periods off, who need to return to school for extracurricular activities should return after the class period has concluded. Students interested in an open period should speak with the counselor and complete the necessary request form, including parent signature.

PARKING/DRIVING

Parking on campus is a privilege. All vehicles must be issued a parking permit, which may be obtained in the main office. Any vehicle without a permit is subject to being towed and student is subject to discipline. Please park in student designated areas only. Students are not to park in staff and visitor parking. Any parking violation may result in the loss of your campus parking privileges.

Students are not allowed in the parking lot for any reason during the school day, including lunch time. No exceptions! *In the event of an emergency, permission and a parking lot pass must be provided from the front office.*

Driving violations:

- No riders in back of pickups. Violation will result in loss of parking privileges.
- Burning tires, speeding/reckless driving, running stop signs, etc.
 - 1st violation – 3 weeks of no parking on campus.
 - 2nd violation – 6 weeks of no parking on campus.
 - 3rd violation – 1 semester of no parking on campus.

Off-campus violations reported by members of the community on the way to or from school or during class will result in parent or guardian being called and possible loss of parking privileges.

P.E. DRESS REQUIREMENTS

P.E. students are required to wear a white t-shirt and black shorts. P.E. clothing is available for purchase in the Student Store or students may provide their own. If students are unable to provide their own P.E. clothes, they can see the assistant principal to acquire P.E. clothing. Students are directed to lock all of their personal possessions in the gym lockers while participating in P.E. class. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

To receive an award for Perfect Attendance, a student may not be absent or tardy, or be dismissed before the end of the instructional day.

PHONE CALLS/STUDENT MESSAGES

Messages for students will not be delivered to classes unless they pertain to an emergency, as these deliveries disrupt the educational environment.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Students may exercise their constitutionally protected rights of free speech, expression, and assembly as long as they do not interfere with the operation of the regular school program. Free speech does not preclude an individual from consequences for speech that interferes with the operation of school programs.
- Students have the right to fair, consistent and respectful treatment by staff members and by other students.
- Students have the right to due process. When a student is referred for disciplinary action, the student has the opportunity to offer his/her explanation of the incident to authorities.
- Students wishing to see their records may make an appointment with their counselor.
- Students have the right to present complaints or grievances to school authorities and to receive replies within a reasonable time frame.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Students assigned to Saturday School will report at 8:00 a.m and should come prepared to read and study. Class is over at 12:00 p.m. If a student does not attend an assigned Saturday School without making prior arrangements with administration, the Saturday school missed will be doubled.

SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Students are required to comply with requests from any school staff member. Failure to comply with any request by school personnel is a serious offense that may result in disciplinary action.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

A search shall be conducted when there is a reasonable suspicion involving a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, weapons or other objects which are prohibited or which constitute a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the occupants of the school. BRHS reserves the right to bring dogs trained to search for drugs on campus. Backpacks, lockers and cars may be subject to search at any time there is reasonable suspicion.

SENIOR PROJECTS

The satisfactory completion of a Senior Project is a graduation requirement. This project is designed to demonstrate students' abilities to research topics, be involved in projects related to their areas of research, and make a presentation about their experiences to a panel composed of school staff and community members. Parents and community members are welcome to assist students with their projects as mentors and to participate as presentation judges.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT/NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Governing Board is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs and activities shall be free from discrimination based on sex, race, color, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, age, marital or parental status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, actual or perceived sexual orientation, or any other unlawful consideration. The Board shall promote programs which ensure that discrimination practices are eliminated in all district activities.

Any student who engages in discrimination of another student or anyone from the district may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Any employee who permits or engages in discrimination may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

Any student, staff member or parent who feels that discrimination has occurred should immediately contact the teacher, principal, or district Title IX coordinator. Copies of the Uniform Complaint Form may be obtained from the school office or Title IX Coordinator.

Sexual Harassment:

- Unwelcome sexual flirtation or propositions
- Sexual slurs, leering, epithets, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments or sexually degrading descriptions
- Sexual jokes, stories, drawings, pictures or gestures
- Spreading sexual rumors
- Teasing or sexual remarks about students enrolled in a predominantly single-sex class
- Touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way
- Limiting a student's access to educational tools
- Purposeful cornering or blocking of normal movements
- Displaying sexually suggestive objects in the educational environment

SKATEBOARDS/BICYCLES/SCOOTERS

The use of transportation methods other than automobiles (including skateboards, bicycles, skates, and scooters) is not allowed on the campus at any time. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action and may be cited by law enforcement.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Bear River High School is proud of its excellent activities, athletics and educational programs. Our sports programs are an important part of the educational process and the gymnasiums and playing fields are extensions of the classrooms.

We request that all fans observe the sportsmanship guidelines established by C.I.F. and supported by Bear River High School.

- Show respect for the opponents at all times as they are our guests. Cheers and signs should be positive, not derogatory toward the opponent.
- Show respect for the officials. No abusive remarks will be tolerated.
- Maintain self control at all times. Spectators are to remain on their own side and are not to be in opponents' cheering area, not to stand on the court sidelines, and not to throw objects of any size or type. They are not to taunt the opponents.

Fans violating these guidelines will be asked to leave. Failure to heed warnings from staff supervision may result in further disciplinary action, including suspension or banning from subsequent contests.

STUDENT STORE

The Student Store carries PE clothes, sweatshirts, caps, T-shirts, baby/toddler Bruin swag and more! All profits go directly to the Associated Student Body.

SUPERVISION ON CAMPUS

Bear River has two campus supervisors on staff as well as a School Resource Officer from the Sheriff's Office to ensure a safe and secure environment conducive to learning.

SUSPENSION, ON-CAMPUS EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTION/OFF-CAMPUS

On-Campus Educational Intervention: Administrators may assign on-campus educational intervention during one or more school days which may include the following: curriculum that addresses the disciplinary offense, self-reflection and counseling related to decision-making, choices, and consequences, and other academic and behavioral support.

Off-Campus Suspension: During an off campus suspension, the student must remain at home during school hours for the period of suspension and is not to attend or participate in school activities or be in the community during school hours without his/her parents. Students should not be on any school campus during suspension time. Work provided by teachers may be picked up by a family member in the Main Office.

TESTING

Students are encouraged to come prepared for testing done at BRHS. Tests such as the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), Advanced Placement testing, ASVAB and others can provide the students and their teachers with valuable information regarding achievement, as well as provide opportunities for scholarships and/or college acceptance. Students are encouraged to get a full night's sleep and come prepared to do their best.

THEFT

Students are directed to report all incidents of theft to the School Resource Officer and complete a *Theft/Vandalism Report Form* as quickly as possible after the theft has been discovered. If the reported property is recovered, all reasonable efforts will be made to return the item(s) to the rightful owner.

TOBACCO PROHIBITED

Nevada Joint Union High School District policy prohibits the use of tobacco products or possession of paraphernalia (such as e-cigarettes, vape pens, or vaping liquid) at all times on district property or at any district/school sponsored activity. This prohibition applies to all students, employees, visitors and other persons visiting a school, the district office or an activity. Any student violation of the tobacco policy will result in enrollment in a tobacco cessation program, educational intervention, and assignment to Saturday School.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

The District has installed video cameras to monitor buildings, interior areas, exterior areas, including, but not limited to: parking lots, perimeters, recreation areas, play fields, hallways, and entrances and exit doors and on school buses operated by the contracted carrier. These cameras are intended to enhance the safety of students, staff and visitors by deterring disruptive, inappropriate, or illegal conduct. Individuals, particularly students, should therefore be aware that they may be recorded while on school property. Video recordings shall be reviewed only by authorized persons and retained only when necessary for safety, disciplinary or otherwise legal purposes.

VISITORS

School policy is to welcome only those visitors who have legitimate business at the school. All visitors must report to the Main Office for authorization before proceeding to their destination on campus. Visitors from other schools must obtain advance authorization from a Bear River administrator. Students are not allowed to bring siblings or friends to classes.

WORK PERMITS

All students who work must have a valid work permit. Permits must be renewed each semester, or when a student changes jobs. A minimum 2.0 grade point average must be maintained while working. During the school year, 14 and 15 year olds may work up to 18 hours per week, 16 and 17 year olds may work 20 hours per week. During school breaks and vacations, students may work 40 hours per week. Excessive absences for tardies can result in the revocation of a work permit.

YEARBOOKS and OTHER PURCHASES

Bear River's 2025-2026 yearbook can be purchased at yearbookforever.com. Buy your yearbook early to lock in the lowest price of the year! Buying before Sept. 30 will ensure the absolute lowest prices of the year. Please note that yearbooks are NOT for sale in the student store and must be purchased online.

Seniors, email your senior quotes and pictures to mdecicco@njuhsd.com. Senior pictures are due by Nov. 1, so don't delay in getting yours shot now! If you need help finding a local photographer, please see Mr. DeCicco in C-127. Additionally, our yearbook staff will take your portrait for free! Please email Mr. DeCicco to arrange.

Parents, if you'd like to buy a senior recognition ad, you can do so at yearbookforever.com, where you will be guided through designing the perfect tribute for your graduate. Proceeds benefit Bear River's Digital Media Arts programs, and free ads are also available.

Caps, gowns, and graduation announcements for seniors, as well as class rings and Letterman Jackets for any student can be ordered through Jostens.

Thank you for all you do as the community of Bear River High School to make this the school no one ever wants to leave -- a place where students feel safe, happy, challenged, engaged, and inspired. We couldn't do what we do without all of you. GO, BRUINS!