



Twin Falls High School
1615 Filer Avenue East
Twin Falls, Idaho
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July 22, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to a new school year. The staff and I are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our students can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a significant difference in your child's education. We are committed to continuing the traditions and high academic standards expected from Twin Falls High School.

Our students enjoy a diverse curriculum taught by highly qualified teachers dedicated to fulfilling our mission statement of providing a quality education necessary for students to be successful in life. Opportunities are available in deeply engaging elective courses, dual credit, and advance placement classes. Twin Falls High School values participation in school activities. In-depth studies have shown participating in clubs, fine arts and athletics dramatically increases the success of a student's high school experience.

I want to encourage you to explore the following opportunity available to your student. Continuing this year, students will have access to funding to cover the costs of taking college-level courses or professional-technical certification exams while still in high school. The Idaho legislature passed legislation that approved funds to cover the cost of taking dual credit courses, college-bearing exams, or professional-technical exams. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity, our counselors can be contacted for more information.

As we start the new school year, we will instill the recommended safety precautions from the South Central Public Health District. The district has and will be sending out information regarding the re-opening plan. Obviously, this school year will be different than past years, but the safety of your child is our number one concern.

To help us navigate the upcoming school year, we will need accurate contact information from you. Communication will be a vital part of supporting your student throughout the year. At registration, our staff will ask you to confirm email addresses and phone numbers; all the help you can provide us in this endeavor will greatly be appreciated. We will be hosting an Open House the evening of August 19, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm; more information will be coming out regarding this event.

Enclosed, you will find registration information. To promote a healthy and safe environment, I would ask that you register on your assigned day. We will accommodate families with students in multiple grades. At the July 27 Twin Falls School Board meeting, the trustees passed a resolution stating all persons in TFSD buildings are required to wear a face covering. At registration, this will be in effect.

Respectfully yours,

Dan Vogt

Dan Vogt - Principal

Following are some registration facts that should prove helpful to you. You may pay fees, pick up schedules, have pictures taken for your Student I.D. cards/Activity Cards and Yearbook, sign up and put money on lunch accounts, and pick up any new information as follows:

Seniors:	August 4, 2020 (Tuesday)	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Juniors:	August 5, 2020 (Wednesday)	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sophomores:	August 6, 2020 (Thursday)	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Freshmen and anyone that didn't make it earlier:	August 7, 2020 (Friday)	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

New incoming students may call 208-732-7500 Ext. 3022 (Mrs. Harmison) to set up an appointment with the Counselors beginning July 30.

FEE SCHEDULE:

Yearbook (Optional)	\$ 56.00 (The price of the yearbook will increase to \$61.00 after October 1)
*Activity Card	40.00
Donation (Class T-Shirt)	7.00
Locker Fee	2.00
Senior Graduation/Diploma Fee	12.00 (for seniors only)

***NOTE: Participation in the following activities requires the purchase of an activity card: football, volleyball, cross country, soccer, swimming, basketball, wrestling, softball, baseball, track, golf, tennis, cheerleading, dance team, choir, Jive!, orchestra, pep band, band, debate, drama, yearbook and Bruin News.**

OUTSTANDING FINES: Any outstanding fines from middle school or Twin Falls High School must be paid before you will be allowed to register.

SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES: Lunch - \$3.40; Breakfast – \$1.80 **(You can put money on your lunch account at registration. All freshmen and new students will need to enroll for the “Touch and Go”. Please bring a separate check for your lunch account.)**

SCHOOL PICTURES: Class pictures will be taken for juniors, sophomores, and freshmen at registration. A picture packet is enclosed. **Senior pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 23 for the yearbook. Also retakes for juniors, sophomores, and freshmen will be Thursday, September 24.**

SUPPLIES: Supply lists will not be available until the first day of school. Please send your student to school with a notebook, pen, or pencil to write down their supply needs.

BUS INFORMATION: For information concerning bus routes, please call Mid-Columbia Bus Company at 733-8003. Mid-Columbia Bus will also be at registration.

PARKING: All students must park in designated areas. **No Student parking in faculty parking areas and Roper Auditorium parking lot.**

OCTOBER TESTING: PSAT – The PSAT is the best way to prepare for the SAT and will be given at TFHS on Wednesday, October 14. The PSAT is for sophomores and juniors. *We encourage juniors to take advantage of this opportunity as all juniors will take the SAT on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.*

SAT: Seniors will be taking the SAT on October 14 as well. At this time, the state continues to require a college entrance exam for graduation.

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POLICY STATEMENT

Twin Falls School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or handicap.

All interested persons, including those with impaired vision or hearing, may obtain information concerning the existence and location of Twin Falls School District services including, Section 504, special education, activities, and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities by contacting Director of Support Services, 733-8456, ext. 3753 or Shannon Swafford, ADA Coordinator, 733-6900, 201 Main Avenue West. To access TDD/TTY relay call 733-8456 and ask for TDD/TTY phone number and state approximate time message will be sent or call 733-6900 and ask for ADA Coordinator.

**TWIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY & PROCEDURE**

The threat of substance abuse is most menacing when it involves young people because of their developmental stage, are the most vulnerable members of our society in regard to health and safety issues. The purpose of this policy is to enforce Idaho law in regards to the use or possession of illegal substances by minors and to ensure that students have access to the Student Assistance Program available in the district.

The following is a brief description of the district procedure:

Non-disciplinary procedures will apply to students who self-refer or who are referred by parents, peers, staff, or through other referrals for assistance.

Students who voluntarily reveal to professional staff members that they have been or are involved in the use of drugs or narcotics and students who turn in drugs or narcotics to a staff member for disposal shall have the confidentiality and anonymity of their communications fully respected. However, it is not the intention of a policy on confidentiality to protect students who are deliberately breaking the law by using, selling or pushing drugs on school grounds, but to protect the student who is actively involved in some kind of counseling relationship and who is working toward becoming free of chemical dependency. **STUDENTS SEEKING HELP SHOULD CONTACT THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE SPECIALIST, COUNSELOR OR CARE TEAM MEMBER IN THEIR BUILDING.**

Disciplinary procedure:

First Offense – If a student is under the influence and/or in possession of alcohol, tobacco products or controlled or dangerous substances while on or near district property during school hours or at a school-sponsored activity:

- a) A legal citation will be issued by a law enforcement official.
- b) Parents/guardians will be notified by phone or in writing.
- c) The student will receive a minimum two-day in-school suspension
- d) In all cases involving use and/or possession of alcohol or controlled or dangerous substance, the student's name will be referred to the building Student Assistance Specialist or CARE Team which is responsible for implementing a plan to offer assistance to the student.

A second and/or subsequent offense will result in citation, suspension and possible expulsion by the Board of Trustees.

If a student is involved in transmitting, trafficking in or distributing alcohol or controlled or dangerous substance on school grounds or at any school sponsored function, law enforcement official(s) will be asked to intervene. If it is determined that the presence of said student is a detriment to the safety of the student body or self, there shall be a mandatory recommendation made by the school administrator to the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees for expulsion.

Extra-Curricular Random Drug Testing Policy brief description:

The Twin Falls School District has an interest in establishing a school environment free of the influence of drugs and alcohol for the benefit of the safety of its students. This includes the necessity of ensuring that all extra-curricular activities sponsored by the District are conducted in a manner that will provide for the safety and security of the students who are participating in such activities. The District expects that students that are provided the opportunity to engage in District sponsored extra-curricular activities will be drug and alcohol free during their participation in these activities.

As a result, Twin Falls School District has implemented a Random Drug-Testing Program for all students participating in extra-curricular activities which fall under IHSAA guidelines and/or High School Sanctioned Clubs/Teams.

A consent form for participation must be signed by the student and his/her parent/guardian. Throughout the school year, a predetermined number of students will be randomly selected for testing each week. To assure anonymity of students being chosen, each student who has signed up to participate in extra-curricular activities will be given a student number. This number and the list of student names will be locked in a filing cabinet with access only by those who are conducting the actual test. Each week, the superintendent or his designee, will select numbers from the random sampling pool. Those conducting the testing will then match the numbers to the appropriate names and contact the student for testing.

Consequences of First Positive Result:

In the event a student is confirmed positive for the use of alcohol or other unauthorized or illegal use of a drug, the student will be given the option of:

- Option 1: Participating in a drug assistance/prevention program which will include a minimum of eight (8) hours of Alcohol and Drug Education, assessment and compliance with further recommendations and a ten (10) day or 10% of the season suspension from the activity, which is greater, but the student may practice or;
- Option 2: Suspension from participation in all IHSAA sanctioned activities for the remainder of the activity season and the next activity season or any activity for the same length of time.

No student shall be penalized academically for testing positive for use of illegal drugs or alcohol, nor shall any student be denied any benefits or services other than the district-sponsored athletic and/or extra-curricular activities as outlined above. The results of tests pursuant to this policy will not be documented in any student's academic records. Information regarding the results of drug tests shall be kept confidential between the superintendent, the building principal/their designee, the student assistance program representative, the student and their parent/guardian.

Federal Law (Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act) requires that the school district inform students, parents/guardians annually of our policy. Please refer to the complete Student Substance Abuse Policy on P.551 in the Twin Falls School District Policy Manual. This can be accessed on the website at www.tfsd.k12.org.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

It is the desire and intent of the Twin Falls School District to adopt a dress code to create an environment in our schools that is conducive to learning and free of potential distraction or danger. The Dress for Success code supports workplace norms for appropriate attire. It is our belief that schools are in the business of learning which necessitates discipline by the individual student in all areas such as language, behavior, attendance, and dress.

Students are to observe the following guidelines regarding student attire:

1. Shirts must have a modest neckline (no cleavage) and be long enough to cover the midriff (front and back). No spaghetti straps, tank tops, tube, off-the-shoulder, halter tops, or muscle shirts will be allowed. No backless, strapless, or half tops are to be worn.
2. Clothes must conceal undergarments (boxers, thongs, undergarment straps, etc.) at all times. No see-through, excessively tight or torn, or revealing attire is permitted.
3. Shorts and skirts must be just above the knee at the secondary level (6-12).
4. Pants must be worn at hip-level or higher (no excessive bagging or sagging).
5. No pajamas, slippers, or sleepwear of any kind is allowed.
6. Hats or head coverings (including sunglasses) of any kind are not allowed.
7. Shoes must be worn at all times.

Students are prohibited from wearing or carrying clothing, accessories or jewelry, or displaying piercings or tattoos, which by picture, symbol, or word, depict or allude to any of the following:

1. Drug usage, including alcohol and tobacco;
2. Controlled substances of any kind;
3. Drug paraphernalia;
4. Gangs;
5. Violence, hate groups, racial separation;
6. Sexually explicit, lewd, indecent, or offensive material; or
7. Illegal acts.
8. Visible body piercing or magnetic/glued jewelry on face, eyes, arms, hands, tongue, and feet is prohibited. Earrings, nose rings, and nose studs are allowed. Spikes, chains, wallet chains, studs, bolts, dog collars, needles, pins, sharp objects, or other jewelry deemed unsafe is not allowed at school.
9. Excessive or extreme make-up is not allowed.

There may be exclusions to the dress code policy for religious or health reasons. Disciplinary actions for violation of this policy may include suspension and/or expulsion. The building administrator or designee may determine appropriate attire options for special activity days.

REFERENCE: Idaho Code Section 33-512 **AMENDED** 7.8.13