



**Twin Falls High School  
1615 Filer Avenue East  
Twin Falls, Idaho  
83301**

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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to another new school year. I am anticipating an exciting school year as a first year principal. I have been involved at Twin Falls High School in the capacity of teacher, coach, parent, Activities Director or administrator since 2002. I am committed to collaborating with our staff to ensure that all of our students will be well supported in reaching their potential as students in accomplishing all they set out to do as Bruins at TFHS.

At Twin Falls High School students have an opportunity to take a variety of courses. We offer several different electives, dual-credit, AP and honors courses. Our students have the advantage of taking their core classes and a mixture of chosen electives as we try and tailor their schedule to best meet their needs and future goals.

**Students are permitted to adjust their schedules as needed from registration up to the conclusion of the first day** of the fall semester. After the first day of either semester, schedules will not be changed. If a change is needed, please have your student reach out to their counselor.

Continuing this school year, students will have access to funding that covers the costs of taking college-level courses or professional-technical certification exams while still in high school. These funds cover the cost of taking dual credit courses, college-bearing exams, or professional-technical exams. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity. Our Advanced Opportunities Coordinator can be contacted for more information.

In recent surveys the most requested form of communication from our parents has been through email. 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 Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. More information will be coming out regarding this event.

Enclosed, you will find registration information. if at all possible, please register on your assigned day. We will accommodate families with students in multiple grades. Lunches will be charged to student accounts again starting this year. All students planning on eating at the school will need to plan accordingly.

If your student is not planning on attending Twin Falls High School this fall and you have received this letter, please let our front office staff know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Nancy Jones*

TFHS Principal

## REGISTRATION

The 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:

<b>Seniors and Juniors:</b>	<b>Monday, August 7, 2023</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sophomores and Freshman:</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 8, 2023</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>

New incoming students may call 732-7500 Ext. 3022 (Mrs. Harmison) to set up an appointment with the Counselors beginning July 27<sup>th</sup>.

### FEE SCHEDULE:

Yearbook (Optional)	\$ 60.00 (To be guaranteed a Yearbook, you must purchase one by Oct. 1; price is \$65 after Oct. 1, but you will not be guaranteed one)
*Activity Card	\$ 40.00
Donation (Class T-Shirt)	\$ 7.00
Locker Fee	\$ 2.00
Senior Graduation/Diploma Fee	\$ 15.00 (for seniors only)
PSAT (Optional)	\$ 19.00 (Juniors Only)

**\*NOTE:** Participation in the following activities requires the purchase of an activity card: football, volleyball, cross country, soccer, basketball, wrestling, softball, baseball, track, golf, tennis, cheerleading, dance team, any music class (i.e. choir, orchestra, guitar, band), marching band, color guard, 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. **Senior pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 28 for the yearbook. Also retakes for juniors, sophomores, and freshmen will be Wednesday, September 27.**

**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 on bus routes, visit <https://www.tfsd.org/departments/operations/bussing/> to register for bus service.

**PARKING:** All students must park in designated areas. **No Student parking in faculty parking areas and Roper Auditorium parking lot (tickets will be issued for non-compliance).**

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

**SAT:** At this time, the state no longer requires a college entrance exam for graduation. However, the SAT will still be paid for all students, and we will take it on a school-wide testing day in April.

## 2023-24 NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

TFHS has added new dual credit electives within our music and PE departments. Have your student speak to their counselor if they are interested in taking any of the following courses:

- **Dual Credit History 10**
- **Dual Credit Music Appreciation**
- **Dual Credit Music Theory**
- **Intermediate Guitar**
- **Dual Credit Yoga**

## 504 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, who 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 their counselor for

### ***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 A COUNSELOR 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 substances, the student's name will be referred to the building 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 substances 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 extracurricular 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 extracurricular activities which fall under IHSA 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 IHSA 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.org](http://www.tfsd.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. The student dress code supports the idea that students should learn to follow guidelines related to their apparel and appropriate attire, as they would in a workplace. This means students are to dress in such a manner that their clothing or grooming does not jeopardize the health and/or safety of themselves or others and does not interfere with the educational mission of the District. It is our belief that schools are professional learning environments that necessitate appropriate attire.

Students are to observe the following guidelines regarding their attire:

1. In general, clothing should cover the torso from armpit to armpit and extend down to mid-thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps that are at least two inches in width. Undergarments must be covered. See the illustration below for reference:
2. See-through, torn, or mesh garments must have appropriate coverage underneath that meets the minimum requirements described above.
3. Pants must be worn at hip-level or higher (no excessive bagging or sagging). Clothing should not drag on the floor.
4. Appropriate footwear depending on the educational setting is required. Classes and activities that may have more stringent requirements include but are not limited to PE, Science, and CTE classes.
5. Students are prohibited from wearing or displaying any clothing, accessories, jewelry, piercings or tattoos, that depict allude to, or promote any of the following:
  - Drug usage, including alcohol and tobacco;
  - Controlled substances of any kind;
  - Drug paraphernalia;
  - Gangs;
  - Violence, hate groups, racial separation;
    - *A hate group is defined as a group whose primary purpose is to promote animosity, hostility, and malice against persons belonging to a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity/national origin which differs from that of the members of the organization.*
  - Sexually explicit, lewd, indecent, profane or offensive material; or
  - Illegal acts.
6. Excessive or extreme make-up, jewelry, accessories, or piercings that become a distraction or are prohibitive to the learning environment are not allowed.
7. Gloves, mittens or other garments that cover the hands are not allowed to be worn in the school building.
8. No pajamas or sleepwear are allowed.
9. Hats, head coverings of any kind (including wearing the hood of a garment on one's head) and sunglasses are not allowed to be worn within the school building.
10. Spikes, chains, wallet chains, studs, bolts, dog collars, needles, pins, sharp objects, or other jewelry deemed unsafe are not allowed at school.

Building principals and/or IEP/504 teams may grant accommodations to the dress code policy for religious or health reasons.

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** 7.8.22

**TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL  
CELL PHONE POLICY**

**Purpose**

To establish Twin Falls High School's philosophy for the use of electronic devices owned by students in school.

**Policy** (TFSD Policy No. 2960)

This policy is intended to clarify Twin Falls High School's unitary theory and ensure that personal electronic devices on school property do not interfere with the learning, safety, and well-being of students and staff. Devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, smartwatches, and earbuds/headphones.

Cell phone use in an educational setting is a privilege, not a right. We believe that unrestricted use of cell phones in a school setting leads to, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Distractions and interruptions from learning environments
2. Cyberbullying
3. Cheating
4. Disconnection from face-to-face activities

Cellular, mobile, and Bluetooth devices (cellphones, smartwatches, earpods, etc.) in classrooms must be turned off and out of sight unless expressly authorized by school staff. Students may use them before or after school, in the hallway between classes, or during their lunchtime. Cell phones must be left in the classroom with the teacher when a student leaves to use the restroom. Students who choose to use devices in classrooms or in the hallways during class will be sent to administration.

**Reference:** TFSD School Board Policy 2960 **Amended** 6.14.22

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES VIOLATION**

OFFENSE	CONSEQUENCE
First	Warning
Second	3 days Lunch detention + Parent Pick up
Third	1 day ISS + parent pick up
Fourth	2 days ISS + parent pick up
Fifth	3 days ISS + parent pick up
Sixth	Student will turn in the cell @ 8:00, pick it up for lunch, return it to office, & pick it up @ 3:25 (1 week)
Seventh	1 day WISE + parent pick up**
Eighth	2 days WISE + parent pick up**

*\*Electronic devices* means any device that is used for audio, video, or text communication or any other type of computer or computer-like instrument that is not owned and issued by the school including: (a) a cell phone; (b) a smart or electronic watch; (c) a tablet; (d) a virtual reality device; or (e) earbud.

*\*\*Students* who, after their 6th violation, turned in their electronic device to the office and; somehow, they found another one (friend's, old phone, etc.) and was caught using it.