



# BRIDGE ACADEMY

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### Commit to Graduate

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## **TWIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT PHILOSOPHY**

We believe **all** students should have the opportunity to achieve the skills needed to succeed in life. This includes being academic achievers, clear communicators, responsible thinkers, and quality producers with the realization that learning is a lifelong process. It is our belief that students achieve self-esteem by experiencing successes and meeting educational challenges. Students should have the confidence to make reasonable choices.

## **TWIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to provide a quality education necessary for students to be successful in life.

## **BRIDGE ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL ROLE IN TFSD 411**

A student who has experienced little or no success in a traditional teaching environment can be referred to the Bridge Academy. The Academy is designed to serve sixth thru eighth grade levels in an alternative situation both educationally and behaviorally. We will work together as a team to help these students achieve success and transition them back into a traditional school with the necessary skills to remain successful. Our program will have two main roles:

1. To improve work ethic, self discipline, self respect and academics through our restructured curriculum with small groups and individualized instruction.
2. To create an environment that fosters success through our levels system, school-wide management plan and interventions so students can achieve level V status and transition back to their home school.

## BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

- Level I Be punctual and maintain 95% attendance
- Level II Adhere to classroom management plan
- Level III Produce quality work
- Level IV Put forth best effort in all facets of school (Outreach)
- Level V Engage and participate

## SCHEDULE

All students will be in their assigned homeroom by 8:18.

7:30	Staff Arrival
7:45 – 8:00	Student Arrival
8:00 – 8:15	Breakfast
8:15 – 8:18	Passing
8:18 – 8:20	Announcements & Pledge
<b>8:18 – 9:20</b>	<b>Core Class / First Period</b>
9:20 – 9:23	Passing
<b>9:23 – 10:23</b>	<b>Core Class / Second Period</b>
10:23 – 10:26	Passing
<b>10:26 – 11:26</b>	<b>Core Class / Third Period</b>
11:26 – 12:00	Lunch
12:00 – 12:03	Passing
<b>12:03 – 12:48</b>	<b>Elective / Fourth Period</b>
12:48 – 12:51	Passing
<b>12:51 – 1:36</b>	<b>Elective / Fifth Period</b>
1:36 – 1:39	Passing
<b>1:39 – 2:24</b>	<b>Elective / Sixth Period</b>
2:24 – 2:27	Passing
<b>2:27 – 2:40</b>	<b>Homeroom – Advisory Class</b>
2:40 – 2:43	Passing
2:43 – 3:10	Departure: R.S. Bus / Walk / Ride with a Parent
	Students that stay are to be working in Computer Lab.

Mondays	2:43 – 3:30	Help Session – Ms. Robbins / Room 3
Tuesdays	7:30 – 8:15	Behavior Action Team (BAT)
Tuesdays	2:43 – 3:30	Help Session – Mr. Corgatelli / Room 5
Wednesdays	2:43 – 3:30	Help Session – Mrs. Walker / Room 4
Thursdays	2:55 – 4:00	Staff Meeting
Fridays	12:03 – 2:24	Rooms 3, 4, 5 Outreach Activities

Core Classes:     Math – Apangea, Plato  
                      Reading – Read 180, Teen Biz 3000  
                      Language Arts – 6 Traits of Writing

Elective Classes: Advanced Technology, Counseling, Fine Arts, Life Time Sports, P.E., Reading & Study Skills, Study Hall, Technology

Teachers:

Mr. Corgatelli	Reading/Technology
Ms. Robbins	Math/P.E.
Mrs. Walker	Language Arts/Reading and Study Skills
Mrs. Benson	Counselor

All students are expected to be on time to all classes. Breakfast will be provided beginning at 8:00 to 8:15 a.m.. Lunch will be eaten in a designated area; you may bring a lunch or eat hot lunch. Students will not be allowed to leave campus for lunch.

### **DISCIPLINE**

The Bridge Academy implements a school-wide discipline system where every classroom has the same classroom management plan which entails the following;

Classroom Management Plan

1. Warning
2. Refocus
3. Write-up
4. Office referral (Pass room)

Students are granted 10 write-ups prior to a Success Plan being implemented. At that time, students will be allowed three additional write-ups prior to being expelled.

A student can be written-up by any staff member at any time for misconduct or violating school rules. If a student is written up you will be informed via phone call or by the agenda book. All write-ups are to be signed by guardian/parent and returned the next day. If there are questions or concerns regarding the write-up, we encourage all parents/guardians to call and discuss the incident with the principal or schedule an appointment. Student misbehaviors are minimized when teachers and parents support one another. The following are some behaviors that would result in a write-up:

- The possession of dangerous weapons.
- Disrespect and insubordination.
- The use of improper language.
- Fighting, intimidating, hassling, and or harassing other students.
- Inappropriate displays of affection.

- Rowdy, roughhousing behavior, running, pushing, shoving, throwing snow, yelling, and whistling.
- Tardiness or truancy, leaving class or school without permission.
- Vandalizing, damaging, or theft of property.
- Being in possession of or using any illegal substance, tobacco and related paraphernalia such as lighters, matches, pipes, etc.
- Cheating and or dishonesty.
- Disruption of the educational process.
- Incurrigibility is a status offense that students can be charged with by a Police Officer. Incurrigibility indicates that the behavior is beyond the control of the school and that normal consequences (PASS & WISE) are not effective in stopping the disruptive or insubordinate behavior.

### **DRUGS/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES**

Possession of or use of illegal drugs or controlled substances is a violation of school policy and state law. Any students who are in violation will be disciplined according to school district policy and the laws of the State of Idaho. In all cases, law enforcement officials will be notified and citations issued.

### **FIREWORKS, WEAPONS & DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS**

**Definition:** Possession, handling, carrying, or transporting a firearm, dirk knife, bowie knife, dagger, metal knuckles, or any deadly and dangerous weapon as defined in Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code, including any knife other than a small pen knife, any explosive, including firecrackers, or any other dangerous object, on or about his/her person while on the property of the school district, while engaged in a school activity on other property, and/or while riding school provided transportation. Causing or attempting to cause physical injury with a weapon or dangerous implement as defined in the aforementioned paragraph, or behaving in a way that could cause physical injury to any person will result in School District Policy J.9 (suspension or expulsion) being followed.

### **FOOD**

No food or drink is allowed out of the cafeteria area unless special permission has been granted.

### **HALL PASS**

Student must have a pass to be out of class at anytime. Students must use the Agenda Book as a hall pass.

### **HARASSMENT**

Harassment/Bullying is: any student's repeated, willful, and malicious behavior, that threatens, harms, "bullies" or otherwise harasses another student, therefore disturbing that student's ability to peaceably attend school or any school related function. Harassment/Bullying includes, but is not limited to, threatening to

fight or fighting, use of vulgar or offensive, profane, or indecent language, racial slurs, comments referring to physical disabilities, sexual or religious orientation, dress, grades, and any other conduct that can be construed as offensive.

Not only is physical, verbal, and sexual harassment against school policy—it's illegal. If you are being harassed, report it to someone in authority (a teacher, counselor, secretary, para professional or principal). Disciplinary actions will be enforced on a student who has been harassing other student(s) and legal charges may be filed for reoccurrences of harassment.

### **MID-TERM PROGRESS REPORTS**

A mid-term grade update will be given to all students at the halfway point of each quarter. Parents are to review these mid-term reports with their student, and a parent signature is required on all midterm reports. In some cases, a phone call or face to face conference will be required as well.

### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent teacher conferences are held every quarter and are mandatory for all students who attend the Bridge Academy.

### **P.A.S.S. ROOM**

#### **POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO SCHOOL SUSPENSION**

Students who receive in-school suspension will be assigned to the P.A.S.S. room. P.A.S.S. or in-school suspension will not be counted as an absence. Rules:

1. Sit facing straight ahead with legs under the desk.
2. Stay seated at all times.
3. No speaking without permission.
4. Must be working on daily classroom work, reading or other work will be provided. (50/1, 2 paragraphs of current events)
5. Raise hand & wait patiently for assistance.
6. Area must be cleaned prior to being excused.

### **PERSONAL ITEMS**

Personal items such as CD players, iPods, Walkmans, Palm Pilots, GameBoys, PSP's, laser pens, pagers or other electronic devices are not allowed at school. Cell phones are to be turned off and kept in back pack or pocket. If seen, or heard, they will be taken away.

### **ADVISORY**

Advisory is a home base for every student and a contact teacher for every parent. During advisory teachers will discuss relevant topics of concern and advise on grades, homework, study skills and coordinate agenda book use.

## **AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING**

After school tutoring is offered M, T, & W 2:43 – 3:30 p.m.

## **REFOCUS**

A refocus will occur if, after receiving a warning the student chooses to disrupt class or refuse to follow directions. The students will be isolated to a designated area in the room where the student will complete the refocus form explaining the incident. This allows the student to reflect on his/her behavior and changes needed. Upon completion, the student will respectfully wait for the teacher to acknowledge him/her, read the refocus form, visit if necessary, and if satisfactory, allow the student to join the class. Five refocuses or more per week, will limit that student's progression past level II. (Behavior)

Refocus Form/Time-out

1. Tell me what you did.
2. Which agreement did you break?
3. Why did you choose to break the agreement?
4. What will you do differently next time so that this doesn't happen again.

## **SAFETY DRILLS**

Safety drills will be conducted by school officials, police, and/or the fire department that will consist of fire drills, lockdowns, & site evacuations.

## **SUSPENSION**

Due process will be provided to all students who because of their choices, need to be suspended from Bridge Academy. Students receiving in-school suspension will report to the P.A.S.S. room to work on their class work. Students receiving out-of-school suspension will refrain from attending school for the specified time and will not be allowed on campus for the duration of suspension. Most out of school suspensions will be referred to WISE. Parents are notified of all write-ups via discipline log, phone call or face to face.

## **W.I.S.E.**

### **WORK IN LIEU OF SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION**

This program is run by the Twin Falls County Juvenile Probation Community Service Coordinator, Jackie Smith.

2469 Wright Ave.

Twin Falls, ID 83301

(208) 736-4215 Ext. 3119

- Student agrees not to bring any form of drug, alcohol or tobacco to school. The appropriate law enforcement agency as well as the Bridge

Academy and the school district will deal with all violations regarding these substances.

- Student agrees to complete all assignments on time unless specific arrangements are made with the teacher. Homework will be assigned daily, but will be more inline with review of skills. Parents will be asked to verify completion of homework assignments with a signature. These assignments will be given a grade.
- If a student is absent from school, two days for each day absent will be allowed to make up assignments. For example: 1) if a student misses school on Monday, it will be their responsibility to get the assignment from the teacher(s) on Tuesday and turn it in on Thursday for full credit. 2) If a student misses Monday and Tuesday, it will be their responsibility to get their assignments from the teacher(s) on Wednesday and return them in on Friday for full credit. Any assignment will be accepted early if finished.
- Student agrees to be respectful of the building, school property and grounds. A student who damages school property will be asked to make restitution for any and all damage incurred. Restitution may be in the form of cleaning, paying for damages, helping to repair, etc. In addition, referral to the WISE program may be warranted.
- Student agrees to keep the school and grounds clean.
- Bridge Academy is a closed campus. Student agrees not to go on to the campus of any other school in the district during school hours, except to load and unload a school bus or with a teacher as part of a class.
- Student agrees to act appropriately while riding school bus. Citations will be issued in accordance with school district and bus rules: first citation is a warning; second citation will result in a five day suspension from the bus (but student is still responsible for school attendance); third citation will result in a ten day suspension from the bus and a parent conference with the bus company; fourth citation will result in parent conference with the bus company and suspension of bus privileges for the remainder of the year. **ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY ON THE BUS WILL BE SUBJECT TO IDAHO LAW AND WILL INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

### **MAJOR DISCIPLINE OFFENSES**

Major discipline referrals may require 1) a teacher/student/administrator conference, 2) a parent/guardian conference at the school. If behavior problems continue, students may be referred to WISE and possibly removed from the program. The WISE program may be accessed as often as determined necessary.

- Destruction of school, teacher or district property
- Defiance or insubordination
- Truancy

- Repeated tardies and or absences

The following are considered illegal activities and may include the action of the School Resource Officer (SRO). Any time law enforcement is involved, legal action is always a possibility.

- \* Possession or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco or drugs. (The **only** exception to this rule is prescription drugs. See Medications)
- \* Any behavior that physically or verbally threatens or intimidates, i.e. bullying.
- \* Theft, robbery or burglary;
- \* Destruction of property; (school, student, or teacher)
- \* Possession of guns, knives, weapons or explosives (**including lighters**)  
– GROUNDS FOR AUTOMATIC EXPULSION UNDER IDAHO LAW

### **CHEATING / PLAGERISM**

Cheating/plagiarism will not be tolerated. Write-ups and consequences will follow. This may result in no credit for the assignment.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Success in school is highly correlated to attendance! If a student misses any school time, whether it is an hour, a day or a week, the parents or guardians are to call the school to explain the student's absence. Doctor's notes are accepted as is the parent's word. Students will not be allowed to vouch for their own absence.

**All absences are to be verified by a parent or guardian by 8:15 am the day of the absence. Absences not verified may be considered truant.**

**Parents may call the school at 737-5282 and leave a message anytime. A staff member will be on duty beginning at 8:00 a.m. We do request that calls be made prior to 8:15 a.m. on the day the student is absent.** If we are not notified by this time, we will make every effort to contact the parent. If a phone call is not possible, a written note will be accepted on the morning the student returns to school. Excessive absences will result in a write-up, parent/teacher/administrator conference and possibly removal from Bridge Academy. No more than nine absences will be accepted in accordance with Idaho Code.

### TARDIES

All students are responsible for being to school and class on time.

\*1<sup>st</sup> tardy – warning

\*2<sup>nd</sup> tardy – call home, notice in agenda book

\*3<sup>rd</sup> tardy – work detail during lunch or after school

\*4<sup>th</sup> tardy – write-up after school tutoring/study hall

### TRUANCY

If a student is truant, he/she may be issued a status offender citation and referred to the WISE program. The student will receive (no credit) for the day but is still responsible for turning in all assignments missed. A total of two truanancies may result in a recommendation for expulsion.

### BREAKFAST / LUNCH

Free breakfast will be available in the morning. A student who would like to participate in the free breakfast program is asked to arrive between 8:00 – 8:15 a.m.. We will honor the TFSD free and reduced lunch program. The cost of the lunch will be \$2.20. If the student qualifies for reduced lunch, cost will be \$.40. Talk to your teacher, administrator or lunch supervisor for more information. **NO CANDY, SODA, OR GUM WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BULDING AT ANY TIME.**

### COMMUNICATION

Each student will purchase an agenda book. This book will be used to keep the lines of communication open between the school and home. Teachers will write in any assignments, missing assignments, comments or questions to the parents and we ask parents to do the same. Please feel free to ask the teachers any questions about your student's progress, clarification of an assignment or anything school related. **Parents/guardians must sign the agenda book daily.**

### MEDICATION

Prescribed and over-the-counter medication is not allowed in the possession of any student while on TFSD property. If medication must be administered during school hours, the student must give the medication to the administrator along with a parent note. The medication must be in a container that identifies the medication with a pharmaceutical label. The student may not carry any medication on their person or in their backpack.

### DRESS CODE

Bridge Academy students will follow the TFSD 411 dress code and socially accepted standards. Any student attire that is considered disruptive to the educational process or offensive will not be allowed. The standard address will be in effect at all school-sponsored activities (i.e. field trips). A parent/guardian will be permitted to bring alternative clothing but the student will not be allowed

to leave campus to change clothes. Repeated violations will result in a write-up, (discipline action), WISE referral or removal from program. Students are to observe the following guidelines regarding dress:

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 time. No see-through, excessively tight, or revealing attire is permitted.
3. Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh in length. No spandex clothing is allowed.
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.
8. Clothing, accessories, and visible tattoos with words/pictures that contain any of the following are prohibited: alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, death, destruction, hate groups, racial separation, or obscenity.
9. Visible body piercing or magnetic/glued jewelry on face, eyes, arms, hands, tongue, and feet are prohibited. Earrings 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.
10. Excessive or extreme make-up is not allowed.
11. There may be exclusions to the dress code policy for religious or health reasons.

**WESTERN STATES BUS COMPANY**

If your child requires bus services, please call Western States Bus Company @ 733-8003 for information.