

Spectator Conduct and Sportsmanship for Athletic and Co-Curricular Events

It is the intent of the board of trustees of this district that the district take reasonable actions to provide a safe environment for all participants and spectators at school-sponsored events. While the board encourages parents, patrons, and visitors to take an interest in the district's educational programs, including extracurricular activities, and attend those events open to the public, the board has an obligation to maintain an atmosphere of respect, order, and professionalism on district premises and at school-sponsored events. In addition, this district adopts the sportsmanship standards imposed by the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA). Individuals attending events sponsored by the district and/or IHSAA are expected to demonstrate respect, order, and good sportsmanship. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the right to attend such events.

Any person, including an adult, who behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner during an athletic or co-curricular event may be ejected from the event the person is attending and/or denied admission to school events for up to a year, after a Board hearing. Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct include, but most certainly are not limited to:

1. using vulgar or obscene language or gestures;
2. possessing or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or illegal substance;
3. possessing a weapon;
4. fighting or otherwise striking or threatening another person;
5. failing to obey the instructions of a security officer or school district employee;
and
6. engaging in any activity which is illegal or disruptive of the educational process.

The superintendent or designee has the authority to determine if an individual's conduct violates this policy. In the event such disruption or detrimental conduct is determined to have occurred or is occurring, the individual(s) causing the disruption will be notified in writing, or verbally, to immediately depart from the district premises or school-sponsored event. In the event the individual(s) refuse to depart or, without permission or invitation, return and enter the district premises or school-sponsored event, it will be deemed to be trespassing and may be referred to the prosecuting attorney.

The Superintendent may seek to deny future admission to any person by delivering or mailing a notice, sent by certified mail with return receipt requested, containing:

1. The date, time, and place of a Board hearing;
2. A description of the unsportsmanlike conduct;
3. The proposed time period that admission to school events will be denied.

In the event a student or staff member causes the disruption or detrimental conduct, other appropriate disciplinary action may also be imposed.

Legal Reference:	I.C. § 33-205	Denial of school attendance
	I.C. § 33-512	Governance of schools
	I.C. § 33-1222	Freedom of Abuse
	I.C. § 18-916	Abuse of school teachers
	I.C. § 18-6409	Disturbing the peace

Policy History

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