

Emerson High School

Information and Registration

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Emerson High School Mission Statement:

EMERSON ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF WILL WORK AS A TEAM WITH PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO BE PRODUCTIVE, COLLABORATIVE, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.

Welcome to Emerson High School! This HANDBOOK contains the rules and policies at Emerson High School as well as general district information, including bell schedules. By signing the registration forms, you are acknowledging that you know and understand the enclosed information. We encourage you to read this handbook carefully so that you better adjust to Emerson's culture and can become more involved in your school.

Your attitude affects your academic success. The relationships and experiences at Emerson are enhanced by a business-like attention to punctuality, attendance, and orderliness. **Each Emerson student is expected to respect the rights and privileges of all other students, as well as teachers, staff, and administration. Students are expected to exercise their rights responsibly and in compliance with rules established for the orderly conduct of the district's educational mission.**

EMERSON IS A SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Emerson High School has been established by Idaho Falls School District 91 to provide an alternate choice to students who qualify as "at-risk" in the state of Idaho, and meet the guidelines set forth by the School District. It is a "Choice" school. That means you make the choice to attend here and we make the choice to allow you to attend here. In accordance with this, we have very strict policies that must be followed in order to maintain a safe and orderly environment, free from bias, bullying, and other behaviors that have contributed to a student's lack of academic success prior to attending Emerson High School. Students and parents will have a contract provided to them with the aforementioned guidelines.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR DAY AND NIGHT SCHOOL School Hours and Bell Schedule

Monday - Thursday		Friday Late Start	
Warning Bell	8:55am	Warning Bell	9:55am
Class 1	9:00 – 10:55	Class 1	10:00 – 11:35
Class 2	11:00 – 12:55	Class 2	11:40 – 1:15
Lunch	12:55 – 1:30	Lunch	1:15 – 1:50
Class 3	1:35 – 3:25	Class 3	1:55 – 3:25

Night School 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. Room 102	Monday – Thursday. No class on Friday night.
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Parents must plan for timely transportation to night school for their students.

No Registration fees are charged to Emerson students.

Requested school supplies include three spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, and erasers.

Lockers will be assigned. All hats, backpacks, and bulky items (e.g. coats and blankets) will need to be stored in lockers during classes.

Student drivers must obtain a parking pass, park only in the parking lot, and keep the pass displayed.

Skateboards, scooters, and longboards will need to be stored in the designated location during school hours.

GRADING POLICY – Students at Emerson High School must receive at least a C in order to receive credit for a class. Ds are not given. Students who have been expelled from any school district (including Idaho Falls District 91), will not be allowed to enroll at Emerson per Board Policy 1003.4 Item #11. Students not passing two out of three classes in any given block will be asked to enroll in night school to make up credits or will be asked to leave Emerson High School.

DRESS CODE – Emerson High School’s dress code is based on common senses, decency, and modesty, and is not meant to inconvenience anyone. Students in violation of the dress code will be required to obtain **suitable clothing before being allowed to attend class. Class time missed to obtain suitable clothing will be unexcused.** Emerson has the following **Mandatory** requirements:

- Emerson shirts, no graphics except **small, finger-size logos.**
- Jeans/slacks – no fashion rips, joggers, printed leggings, or shorts.
- All non-Emerson sweatshirts must be free of graphics except **small, finger-size logos.**
- No hats, bandanas, or hoods from sweatshirts will be worn in the building at any time.
- All shirts must have sleeves. **No tank tops, plunging necklines, or crop tops.**
- No displaying of undergarments. No low-rider pants that expose boxers or undergarments or sheer/see-through fabric.
- Any dresses must adhere to the above guidelines with a hemline at the knee. No miniskirts.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building.
- No pajamas, sweats, or slippers unless medically necessary with doctor’s note.
- No large jackets or coats can be worn in the building. Emerson hoodies may be purchased through the front desk for \$25.00 or with Emerson Bucks.
- **Any references to drugs, alcohol, violence, and/or sex on clothing is not allowed.**
- Students are not permitted to wear jewelry displaying drugs, alcohol, crude sayings, and/or anything interpreted to be offensive by Emerson administration and staff.

Students in violation of the dress code are subject to the any of the following consequences: being sent home to change, Saturday school, Supervised School Suspension, and possible drop from classes. See discipline matrix.

CLOSED CAMPUS – Emerson has an open campus. However, if students cause problems in the neighborhood including leaving trash, fighting, loitering, or smoking/vaping on private property, or any other behavior that is deemed inappropriate by the administration or staff, the students responsible may lose school privileges, be assigned SSS, or be dropped from classes.

EXTRACURRICULAR – Emerson students are eligible to try out for athletic teams at the district high school they are zoned to attend (Idaho Falls High School or Skyline High School) and participate in all district activities. To participate in sports, the student must be academically eligible.

PARKING – Students are **REQUIRED** to obtain and display a parking pass and park in the school parking lot. Students parking on Emerson Street or in a bus zone risk being towed. **Driving to school is a privilege that may be revoked if abused.** Vehicle towing will be at the expense of the vehicle owner. Cars are subject to search by school officials/SROs when parked on school property.

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES – Cell phones/electronic devices are not to be on during class time. The first violation will result in the cell phone/electronic device being confiscated until the end of the school day. A second violation will result in the cell phone/electronic device being confiscated until a parent/guardian can pick it up from the front office. Parents may call the office to relay emergency messages at (208) 524-7800.

BIKES, BLADES, BOARDS – Bikes are not to be ridden on Emerson property and are to be parked in the designated bike rack. The school assumes no responsibility for loss or damage. **Roller blades, skateboards, and scooters are not to be ridden on campus.**

SCHOOL VISITORS – Parents or other adults visiting the school are to check in at the main office and get a visitors pass if they are visiting a classroom. Idaho State Code Section 33-512 authorizes officers and school officials “...to prohibit entrance to each schoolhouse or school grounds, to prohibit loitering in school houses or on school grounds, and to provide for removal from each schoolhouse or school grounds... [any person(s)] ... who loiters in school houses or on school grounds...” the violator may be arrested and charged with a misdemeanor. Visitors other than parents/guardians are not allowed on school property. Violators may be arrested for trespassing. Any student that has been dropped from Emerson High School may not be on school grounds at any time.

STUDENT SENATE – Student Senators will be chosen the second week of school. Students wishing to be part of the Student Senate may pick up an application from the Secretary and return it to Mrs. Hadley by the second Monday in September to be considered. Student Senators will be chosen and will meet during lunch twice a month to discuss issues concerning the student population at Emerson. The Student Senate will also plan school activities including spirit week, field trips, fundraisers, as well as school culture. Student Senate will be expected to maintain passing grades in all classes, be in regular attendance, adhere to Emerson policies, and have honorable behavior at all times.

ATTENDANCE POLICY – Day/Night School: **Students may not miss more than seven hours per class, for any reason, per each seven-week block.** Please try to schedule appointments outside of the school day. Students who attend Emerson will **NOT** be able to transfer back to their home school within that academic year. Only one medical drop will be allowed per school year. Students who miss more than seven hours may be dropped. No makeup time will be given. Any student having excessive tardies and/or poor grades in two or more classes will serve lunch detention and/or Saturday school to make up the time missed and improve grades.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY – Emerson has an enforced referral system. Three referrals equal a drop from all classes. A serious infraction may result in an immediate drop. Any disciplinary action is at the discretion of Emerson Administration. A referral will be issued for, but not limited to, the following behavior violations:

Referral

1. Insubordination – e.g. out of dress code, arguing with teachers, not working, sleeping in class, not adhering to classroom/school cell phone policy.
2. Truancy – e.g. leaving campus without permission, not signing in or out at attendance office, failure to return to school after lunch, not having a parent call to verify the absence.
3. Foul language.
4. Misuse of school provided electronic equipment (Chromebooks and chargers)
5. Any graffiti/tagging.
6. Roughhousing/horseplay regardless of gender.
7. PDA (public display of affection).
8. Continued refusal to complete assignments.
9. Cheating (student may be dropped depending on circumstances).
10. Any other behavior deemed inappropriate by administration or faculty.
11. A written incident received from a bus driver. Student could be dropped, depending on severity.

Drops

1. Excessive referrals (three+) or truanancies.
2. Excessive absenteeism – i.e. missing more than seven hours in any one class.
3. Leaving the classroom while the canine unit (drug dog) is on school grounds or in the building or refusal to submit to a drug screen upon request by a probation officer.
4. Possession and/or under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance (s), or possession of paraphernalia.
5. Vandalism/theft (school or personal). Restitution required. Incident will include referral to law enforcement.
6. Involvement in sexual, racial, or disability harassment.

Not Eligible to Attend Emerson

1. Assault/battery of any form.
2. Selling (dealing) a controlled substance on or off school property.
3. Participation in gang-related activity on or off of school property.
4. If student has been expelled from a District No. 91 school or from any other school district within 12 months.

1005.8 – STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Student Conduct

All students of Idaho Falls School District 91 while on district property, including busses, or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location, are expected to obey District officials, protect property, maintain order and decorum, avoid excessive physical contact, fighting, and public displays of affection and conduct themselves in a positive manner. Students have the responsibility to know, respect, and abide by the rules and regulations of the school district.

2. Acts of Social Violence (Bullying, Cyber Bullying, Intimidation, Hazing, and Harassment)

It is the policy of Idaho Falls School District 91 Board of Trustees to maintain a safe school environment for all students, employees, and visitors while attending school, riding the school bus, and attending district-sponsored activities on school premises or at other locations. Acts of Social Violence include but are not limited to: Bullying, Cyber Bullying, Intimidation, Hazing, and Harassment (peer, racial, color, national origin, sexual orientation, religious, disability, and sexual), regardless of the specific nature of the student's behavior, is disruptive to a safe school environment and will not be tolerated. It shall be a violation of this policy for any District student, employee, or visitor to bully, haze, intimidate, or harass another individual, while on any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location. Violation of this policy may be subject to school disciplinary action even if the threat is not substantial, direct or specific enough to constitute a violation of state or federal law.

Definitions:

- a. **District Official** – Include, but is not limited to the Superintendent, Directors, school principals, vice-principals, teachers, coaches, substitutes and designated chaperones.
- b. **District Property** – Shall include, but not be limited to building, facilities, and grounds on the District campus, school buses, District parking areas, and the location of any District sponsored activity. This includes instances in which the conduct occurs off the District premises but impacts a District related activity. Revised: 7/12/2015