

BRECKENRIDGE

Junior High School

STUDENT HANDBOOK

2009-2010



“Home of the Broncos!”

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SUPPLEMENTAL HANDBOOK 2009-2010**

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FORWARD

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Welcome to Breckenridge Junior High School, home of the "BRONCOS". It is a school rich in tradition, yet open to new ideas.

The Student-Parent Handbook will assist you in learning more about Breckenridge Junior High School and the many programs available. The purpose of this handbook is to provide information about the junior high school policies, procedures, and practices. It will assist all of us in helping to empower our children to become successful productive citizens as well as lifelong learners. The faculty and administration are here to assist you and offer guidance in your child's scholastic, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities as well as in his/her social development.

Our staff is made up of dedicated professionals who are committed to providing your child(ren) the best education possible. To the end, we must all work together and support one another as we nurture and educate our students. We truly want all our students and their families to have the best school experience possible.

Our goal for next year and the years to come is to be the "Best of the Big Country." I want Breckenridge Junior High School to be a thriving, progressive, and totally student-centered school that is the envy of the area. We must work together as one focused group finding ways to improve our academics, extracurricular activities, and home-school relations. Your involvement is a must. I urge and encourage you to be an active part of our school community and its successes.

I sincerely hope you enjoy your years at Breckenridge Junior High School, and I look forward to working with all of you in the upcoming 2009-2010 school year.

Sincerely,

Lee Garner, Principal

Estimados Estudiantes, Padres, y Guardiánes:

Acepte a Breckenridge escuela secundaria Menor, hogar del "BRONCOS." Es una escuela rico en tradición, todavía abre a ideas nuevas. Queremos usted y su familia tiene la experiencia de la escuela mejor posible. A ese extremo debemos trabajar junto y apoyo el uno al otro cuando nutrimos y educamos a nuestros estudiantes.

El Student-Parent Manual lo asistirá en aprendizaje más sobre Breckenrige escuela secundaria Menor y los muchos programas disponible. El propósito de este manual es proporcionar información sobre los procedimientos de la escuela secundaria menores y prácticas. Nos asistirá en preparar a sus niños entrar sociedad como un individuo responsable. La facultad y administración están aquí asistirlo y guía de la oferta en total su niño escolástico y extra-curricular actividades así como en su/ ella desarrollo social. Se inventan nuestros empleados de profesionales especializados que se comete a proporcionar sus niños con la educación mejor posible. Estamos orgulloso de nuestros estudiantes y sus esfuerzos en todo sus carreras escolares.

Rember que escuela es un microcosmo de vida. Se pondrá ausente de escuela exactamente lo que puso en él. Lo insto poner envuelto en el académico y extra-curricular actividades que ofrecemos. Sinceramente espero que disfrute sus años a Breckenridge escuela secundaria Menor, y espero con placer trabajar con todo de usted alcanzar éxito continuado en el 2009-2010.

Sinceramente,

Lee Garner, Principal

We welcome all new students to our junior high school and hope you will find it to be the kind of place in which you like to go to school. We hope you will enjoy your work with the student council and become a loyal Bronco and supporter of Breckenridge Junior High School.

Have a Super Year!
BJHS STUDENT COUNCIL

BELL SCHEDULE

2009-2010 BRECKENRIDGE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

<u>REGULAR</u>		<u>ACTIVITY</u>	
8:00 - 8:10	AR time, Tutoring	8:00 - 8:10	AR time, tutoring
8:15 - 9:01	1 st Period	8:15 - 8:56	1 st Period
9:05 - 9:56	2 nd Period, Announcements	9:00 - 9:46	2 nd Period
10:00 - 10:46	3 rd Period	9:50 - 10:31	3 rd Period
10:50 - 11:36	4 th Period	10:35 - 11:16	4 th Period
11:40 - 12:26	5 th Period	11:20 - 12:01	5 th Period
12:25 - 1:06	Lunch	12:05 - 12:46	6 th Period
1:10 - 1:56	6 th Period	12:45 - 1:26	Lunch
2:00 - 2:46	7 th Period	1:30 - 2:11	7 th Period
2:50 - 3:40	8 th Period, Announcements	2:15 - 3:06	8 th Period
		3:06 - 3:40	Activity Period

ABBREVIATED SCHEDULE

8:15 - 8:49	1 st Period
8:53 - 9:32	2 nd Period, Announcements
9:36 - 10:10	3 rd Period
10:14 - 10:48	4 th Period
10:52 - 11:26	5 th Period
11:30 - 12:04	6 th Period
12:04 - 12:39	Lunch
12:43 - 1:17	7 th Period
1:21 - 2:00	8 th Period, Announcements

LATE START SCHEDULE

10:00 - 10:34	1 st Period
10:38 - 11:17	2 nd Period
11:21 - 11:55	3 rd Period
12:00 - 12:30	4 th Period
12:30 - 1:08	Lunch
1:12 - 1:46	5 th Period
1:50 - 2:24	6 th Period
2:28 - 3:02	7 th Period
3:06 - 3:40	8 th Period

ADMIT SLIP

When students have been absent, they should report to the registrar's office before 8:10 AM the morning they return to school. They MUST bring a written statement signed by the parent or guardian giving the student's legal name, date, and reason for absence and phone number where the parent may be reached. The secretary will then issue an admit slip. Students

must get their admit slip and be in first period class before the tardy bell rings; otherwise, they will receive an unexcused tardy. The admit slip should be signed by all teachers. The student's last period teacher will keep the slip and return it to the office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The regular channel for announcements is over the public address system. Announcements will be made two during the day. Announcements are made at the beginning of second period and at the beginning of eighth period. Only emergency announcements will be made at any other time. All announcements should be written, signed, and approved by the principal. Announcements displayed on the bulletin board, or in the halls, are to be approved by the principal. All posters, signs, etc. displayed on school premises must have prior approval.

ASSEMBLY

All students are expected to enter and leave the assembly area in an orderly manner with as little noise as possible. Students should sit up straight in their seats with their feet on the floor. Talking, whispering, stamping of feet, whistling and yelling are poor assembly manners and should be avoided. The students will at all times be courteous and attentive listeners to any program that is presented in assembly. Students will be expected to applaud at the right time in a dignified manner. Handclapping is the only courteous applause. All students and teachers are expected to attend assemblies. The approach to the rostrum of the person in charge of the assembly is the signal for immediate silence and attention.

ATTENDANCE

Any student who is found to be out of compliance with the 90% compulsory attendance requirements set forth by the state at the end of 12 weeks may be required to present a certified note (doctor/dentist, funeral notice, notification of court appearance, etc.) to the school for every absence for the remainder of the school year. At this point, the BISD Attendance Officer will be notified.

CAFETERIA

Any amount of money can be deposited into students' accounts in the morning until 9:30 a.m. at the school cafeteria. Student balances are carried forward to the next school year.

Funds in students' accounts may be used for meals, snacks, or ala-carte items. School officials will not monitor what students purchase from their cafeteria account. If your child is not allowed to purchase items other than a meal, please advise your child of your personal intent.

Parents may bring a lunch for their student but only for their student. They may not bring food for another student. All lunches should be left in the office with a name on it.

Students are not allowed to charge their meals, snacks, or ala-carte items. If a student does not have money for the day, he/she will be provided with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, side item, and milk. If a child cannot drink milk, he/she must provide a **DOCTOR'S EXCUSE** and have it on file before receiving juice at lunch.

THE JUNIOR HIGH CAMPUS IS CLOSED DURING LUNCH. Permission forms are available at school and must be on file before we can recognize the only two exceptions to the closed campus which are:

1. A student may walk home, but only home for lunch.
2. Parents may pick up **their child only** and take them to lunch after signing them out in the office.
 - A. Parent may call the school to give their child permission to sign themselves out for lunch.
 - B. Parent may sign **their child only** out for lunch.
 - C. Student may bring a note from their parent/guardian to sign themselves out for lunch to leave with their parent/guardian **only**.
 - D. Parents cannot take other students to lunch with them even if they do have permission from the other student's parent/guardian.

Students will not be allowed to visit with other students or other parents in parked cars during the lunch hour.

Violation of the above conditions will result in disciplinary action.

You may get a cafeteria price listing for meals from the Junior High office upon request.

CELL PHONES AND PAGING DEVICES

Secondary students are not permitted to display or use cell phones during the instructional day. Cell phones are permissible only outside school hours. Any student who uses or displays a cell phone during the instructional day from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. will be in violation of this policy. The device will be confiscated and a charge of \$15 will be required before the device can be returned to the parent. Under state law and FNCE (LEGAL), the district may charge the owner of the paging device (which includes a cell phone) or the student's parent an administrative fee of not more than \$15 for release. After 30 days the device will be destroyed. The student will be subject to other disciplinary actions for violation of the cell phone policy. Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

CHEATING

Cheating is defined as an act intended to deceive or commit fraud: to act in a dishonest manner.

When a student/students fraudulently gain information with or without the consent of others and with the intent to deceive, on the first offense the student will be assigned lunch D-hall for 5 days, receive a zero on his/her paper, and receive a "C" in citizenship from the teacher of the class they cheated in. If a student is caught cheating a second time, then he/she will be assigned 3 days ISS, receive a zero on his/her paper, and receive a "C" in citizenship from the office. A student who voluntarily allows another to cheat will receive the same consequences.

CITIZENSHIP

Students who receive a "C" in citizenship will lose privileges that include but are not limited to attending school socials and retaining membership in the Honor Society.

"C" LIST

1. Students who were on the "C" List in the previous six weeks will not be allowed to attend the Social provided once each six weeks.
2. Students who have been on the "C" List two or more times in the first semester will not be allowed to attend the Valentine Social. (see also **Dress Code** for instructions on appropriate dress for the Valentine Social).

3. Students who have been on the "C" List two or more times in the second semester will not be allowed to attend the Awards Social for 8th grade students or the Swim Party given to the 7th grade students.
4. Students who have a "C" in citizenship in the sixth six weeks will not be allowed to attend the End of School Picnic.

A student will receive an automatic "C" in citizenship from the office for the following:

1. Fighting
2. Suspension from school
3. Use or possession of alcohol, tobacco or drug related products
4. Use or possession of weapons including all knives, all guns (real or unreal), knuckles, clubs, etc.
5. Second assignment to ISS in one six week period
6. Cheating (1st offense from teacher / 2nd offense from office)
7. Placement in the Alternative Education Program, DAEP
8. Using foul or profane language
9. Bullying or harassment resulting in ISS assignment
10. Stealing
11. Vandalism or destruction of school property resulting in ISS.
12. Truancy due to deliberate skipping of classes.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

Corporal punishment is limited to spanking or paddling the student, and occurs only in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The student is told of the reason corporal punishment is being given.
- The Principal, Assistant Principal or teacher, may administer corporal punishment.
- The instrument to be used shall be approved by the principal.
- Corporal punishment shall be done in the presence of one other District professional employee out of view of other students.

COURSE OFFERINGS

SEVENTH GRADE:

READING DEVELOPMENT 1923
 RESOURCE READING 913
 READING 191
 G/T 2227

ENGLISH 1711
 HONORS - ENGLISH 1732
 RESOURCE ENGLISH 912
 ESL 1507

MATH 5711
 RESOURCE MATH 921
 PRE-ALGEBRA 5713

TEXAS HISTORY 7711
 LIFE SCIENCE 6711

ELECTIVES:

PHYSICAL EDUCATION BOY'S/GIRL'S ATHLETICS BAND ART DYSLEXIA
 MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CHARACTER JOURNALISM CAREER INVESTIGATION
 ROBOTICS VIDEO EDITING

EIGHTH GRADE:

READING IMPROVEMENT 192
 RESOURCE READING 915

PRE-ALGEBRA 5911
 HONORS – ALGEBRA I 5912
 RESOURCE MATH 922

ENGLISH 1811
HONORS – ENGLISH 1832
RESOURCE ENGLISH 914
ESL 1508

UNITED STATES HISTORY 7811

EARTH SCIENCE 6811

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

ELECTIVES:

PHYSICAL EDUCATION BOY'S/GIRLS' ATHLETICS BAND ART DYSLEXIA
MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CHARACTER JOURNALISM CAREER INVESTIGATION
OFFICE AIDE / LIBRARY AIDE SPANISH ROBOTICS VIDEO EDITING HEALTH

DAILY PROGRAM

First period begins at 8:15 AM. All students are expected to be **SEATED IN CLASS** at this time. When the dismissal bell rings, the students should remain seated until dismissed by the teacher. Teachers will be expected to dismiss class promptly after the bell rings.

DETENTION HALL

Noon Detention Hall is 12:25 PM – 1:05 PM each day. Students must be on time to Detention Hall. The first time a student is late to D-Hall or is a no show, an additional day will be added. The second time a student is late to D-Hall or is a no show, he or she will be assigned one day of In-School Suspension or a swat will be administered. **D-HALL STUDENTS WILL EAT AS A GROUP AFTER OTHER STUDENTS FINISH EATING.**

DRESS CODE

Dress code is one of the most difficult areas to address. Good grooming and appropriate dress is always expected of students of Breckenridge Junior High School. We have attempted to develop a reasonable set of standards to provide a safe, orderly, and healthy environment, understanding what is appropriate for one event may not be appropriate for another. One example is the difference between attire for work versus attire for play.

The student should avoid any extreme styles. They should dress in a manner, which does not lead school officials to believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or distract from school activities. Their choices of dress should never create a health hazard to the student's safety or the safety of others. The safety and well being of your child is one of our main concerns.

We would ask that you be aware of what your child is wearing to school. Please check to see that it meets dress code requirements before they leave home to avoid any unpleasant situations.

The principal, sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of school and extra-curricular activities may regulate the dress and grooming of students that participate in that activity. The administration shall have the right to appraise any current fashion or fad and determine whether or not it is appropriate for school wear.

Inappropriate dress for Breckenridge Junior High School includes:

PANTS * Excessively baggy or large pants worn low on the hips (gang type) are not allowed. Belts should be worn looped in trousers, not hanging down.

TOPS * Tops worn by students must not reveal body parts or underwear. Example: Blouse cut lower than bra or pants being worn with underpants showing.
* Midriff tops or shirts tied up in knots in the front. A midriff top is defined as a shirt that does not stay below the beltline **at all times**. Shirt lengths will be measured by putting arms above head to see if the stomach is showing.
* Fishnet type tops must be worn with a T-shirt underneath.
* Tops must not have spaghetti straps or straps less than 2 inches in width.
* Halter-tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, backless tops or dresses, and shirts with elongated armholes will not be accepted.
* Excessively large/baggy shirts are not allowed.

SHORTS * The only acceptable shorts are those that are not excessively frayed and are within fingertip length or beyond of the student. Skorts are considered skirts and will be measured to 3 ½ " above the knee. Absolutely no nylon shorts of the following types (example: Sophies, Umbros, Bike shorts, cutoffs, school issued athletic shorts or tennis shorts) may be worn.

SKIRTS * The length of skirts and dresses may be 3-1/2" above the top of the kneecap (Vertical credit card at top of knee), regardless of undergarments (leg-uns, tights, etc.) worn with skirt.

SLOGANS & DESIGNS * Clothing with inappropriate designs or slogans such as those associated with drugs, alcohol, tobacco, racial terminology, sexual innuendoes, with vulgar or obscene language, or with images and or writings that promote a disruption of the educational setting.

HATS * Hats and caps may not be brought to school during the school day. A cap may be kept at the Ag room for safety purposes when allowed by the instructor. Headbands or bandannas are not allowed on campus including PE.

PIERCINGS * Earrings (including string, staples, etc.) for males are not allowed even if covered. No visible body piercing is allowed including tongues, with the exception of girl's earrings.

JEWELRY * No chains or spiked jewelry.

TATTOOS * Tattoos should remain covered at all times.

HAIR The following hairstyles or colorings are inappropriate grooming for any student at school or a school-related or -sanctioned activity:

1. Spikes or other sculptured hairstyles.
2. Neon or other hair colorings or bleaching, whether permanent or temporary, in a shade or tone that the principal determines to be unnatural, such as neon orange, neon pink, magenta, any shade of blue, any

shade of green, any unnatural shade of red, violet, purple, or white.

3. Hair coloring or bleaching for the purpose of creating extreme differences in color, shade, or tone between sections of individual strands of hair or areas of hair on the head, e.g., "tips."
4. Hair coloring or bleaching for the purpose of creating extreme differences in color, shade, or tone between the students natural and original hair color and the colored or bleached color, shade, or tone.
5. Patterns or designed shades or cuts into the hair, e.g., "Mohawks," partially shaved heads, etc.
6. Male students should keep hair cut above the eyebrows and off of the bottom of the collar.

FACIAL HAIR

* Mustaches, beards, and/or goatees will not be allowed. Any male student who is not clean-shaven may purchase a razor at the office and shave or go to ISS until facial hair is corrected.

OTHER

RESTRICTIONS

- * Underwear must be worn and covered at all times.
- * No pajamas, house shoes, full camouflage clothing, or trench coats.
- * No clothing should be excessively frayed, cut, or torn.
- * No holes above credit card height of the knee.
- * No book bags or large purses.

ANY DISREGARD OF THIS DRESS CODE WILL RESULT IN THE STUDENT CALLING HIS/HER PARENT BEFORE SCHOOL OR AT LUNCH FOR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING. IF THE PARENT CAN'T BE REACHED, A STUDENT WILL BE PLACED IN ISS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY OR THE SCHOOL MAY PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE PIECE OF CLOTHING TO BE WORN THE REST OF THE DAY.

DRESS FOR SOCIALS

Dress for dances will be governed by the BJHS dress code. Attire should be age appropriate and is restricted to the following:

- Sunday dress for boys and girls or party dresses for girls.
- Undergarments must be worn but not seen.
- Dresses must not have revealing necklines or backs
- Slits in skirts must be "shorts" length as described in the dress code.
- No backless or strapless dresses. Low backs must be worn with a jacket.
- Shoes cannot be worn on gym floor. Students should bring socks.
- Spaghetti straps are acceptable for the school dance social.

DRILLS

FIRE, TORNADO, AND OTHER EMERGENCY DRILLS

Students, teachers, and other District employees shall participate in frequent drills of emergency procedures. When the alarm is sounded, students must follow the direction of teachers or marshals quickly and in an orderly manner.

Emergency bells:

Fire

- 3 bells.....leave the building
- 1 bell.....halt, stand at attention
- 2 bells.....return to room

Tornado

- 1 sustained bell.....go to assigned areas to “duck and cover”
- 1 short bell return.....return to class

ELECTION OF CHEERLEADERS

- All cheerleader candidates will be evaluated by the faculty and try out in front of a panel of out-of-town objective judges.
- Candidates must maintain a cumulative minimum grade average of 70 for each individual subject prior to election / tryout. This average will be based on six-weeks grades only. **EX:** Candidate A’s individual subject cumulative averages for the year = Science 85, Math 95, English 88, Art 80, no class average is below 70 – Candidate A **is** eligible to tryout. Candidate B’s individual subject cumulative averages for the year = Science 91, Math 88, English 67, Art 90, Candidate B’s English average is below 70; therefore, Candidate B **is not** eligible to tryout.
- Candidates must have an “A” average in citizenship, without receiving a “C” in two or more six-weeks at any time prior to the selection.
- A student on probation for grades or guilty of serious misconduct cannot be a candidate and may lose the honor if guilty after the selection.
- All UIL rules will be strictly enforced after cheerleaders have been selected.
- Candidates must be full-time students in Breckenridge ISD.
- After being selected, cheerleaders are expected to never receive a citizenship grade(s) lower than a “B”. Any cheerleader receiving a Citizenship grade lower than a “B” after being selected will be removed/forfeit their place on the squad. All cheerleaders are also expected to maintain an overall “A” average in citizenship throughout the year. If or when a cheerleader’s citizenship average drops below an “A”, they will be removed/forfeit their place on the squad.
- Cheerleaders, after selected, will cooperate with the sponsors and school officials at all times and must conduct themselves in a sportsmanship-like manner, upholding the high standards that Broncos are noted for.
- 12 – 16 cheerleaders will be selected annually. In cases of absence of one or more cheerleaders, the remaining cheerleaders will carry on without substitutes.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Refer to the **EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT** for information concerning the behavioral and grade expectations of students who participate in extracurricular activities.

FACILITY USE

WEIGHT ROOM

The weight room, because of the heavy machines and weights, will be available to BISD students only during school hours or when BISD staff can supervise the weight room. The weight room will be available for community use after school organizations finish with the facilities and as long as users receive approval from the coaching staff. No person shall lift weights alone. All lifters shall have a spotter present at all times. **The school or athletic department will not be responsible for accidents.**

All individuals who use BISD athletic facilities are responsible for complying with BISD Board Policy and Administrative Regulations pertaining to the use of BISD facilities. The superintendent or his designee may add to or change the regulations as necessary.

FIGHTING

Physical contact from either student constitutes a fight and will result in the same disciplinary action for all involved.

Disciplinary action for fighting with another student includes the following:

1. First fight – 3 days in ISS
 2. Second fight – 5 days in DAEP
 3. Repeated offenses will result in further DAEP assignments or expulsion.
- These are guidelines and may be changed according to the severity of the action and discretion of the principal.
 - In addition, students caught fighting may receive a disruption of class ticket from the campus resource officer once all information is gathered regarding the fight.

A student will automatically receive a “C” in citizenship for fighting.

FINAL EXAM EXEMPTIONS

All students will take final exams in the four core subjects (English, science, math and social studies).

All Algebra I students will take semester exams. These students may be exempted from course final exams only, according to the high school exemption requirements (call high school principal or counselor for more information).

GRADING, PROGRESS REPORTS, AND REPORT CARDS

Progress reports are issued after the third week of each six weeks to any student whose average is below a 75. Progress reports must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to each respective teacher.

Report cards are issued to the students at the end of each six-week reporting period. The student is required to return the report card, signed by his/her parent or guardian within six school days. Parents are urged to schedule a conference with the teacher if they have any questions concerning a student's work.

Homework must be turned in on the day that it is due. Students will be assigned d-hall for incomplete homework. Late work will receive a reduced grade once completed. If homework is not completed before the end of a grading period, it will be recorded as a zero. However, students may still be required to complete the work so teachers can evaluate a student's understanding of the concepts that were covered during the grading period.

Every grade is the result of honest, careful evaluation of all phases of the student's work and conduct, based on the mastery of the TEKS objectives in the course. It is not a comparison of work done by other students but is an evaluation of the individual student's mastery of TEKS objectives in the course. **EACH TEACHER IS REQUIRED TO RECORD NO LESS THAN SIX GRADES PER STUDENT PER SIX WEEKS.** No report card grade will exceed 100. A failing grade is any grade lower than 70. The numerical listing below shows the corresponding grade span:

90-100=A 80-89=B 75-79=C 70-74=D 69-Below=Failing

SIX-WEEKS GRADES:

The following six-weeks' grading policy will be followed at Breckenridge Junior High School:

- 33% - Homework
- 33% - Projects or other assignments
- 34% - Test

If you have a question about a grade your child receives on an assignment, you should talk first with the teacher. An exam or course grade issued by the teacher is final and will not be changed unless we determine that it was arbitrary, erroneous, or not consistent with the grading standards and policy.

HALL PASSES

Teachers are urged to strictly screen any requests for passes. Should it become necessary to allow a student to leave the classroom for some reason, the teacher should give him/her a hall pass written in ink stating the DATE, EXACT TIME, DESTINATION and TEACHER'S SIGNATURE. The student must return the pass to the teacher when returning to class. STUDENTS SHALL NOT REQUEST A PASS FROM CLASS TO WORK IN ANOTHER TEACHER'S ROOM OR ON ANOTHER TEACHER'S PROJECT.

HOMEROOM

The student's second period class is considered his/her homeroom. When it is necessary for the office to distribute materials to be signed or obtain information from students, this will be done second period. When a student is asked to indicate his homeroom, he should give the name of his/her second period teacher.

HONORS CLASS

To be eligible for honors **math** and **English** classes in both the seventh and eighth grade, a student must meet two of the three following criteria:

1. Have a final year average in math or English that is a 95 or above.
2. Receive a commended score on the TAKS test.
3. Teacher recommendation.

If a student's average drops below an 80 in a six weeks period, a teacher/parent/student conference will be set up to discuss the student's performance.

If a student's average drops below 80 a second six weeks during the year, a teacher/parent/student/principal conference will be arranged so that a game plan can be made that is in the best interest of the child, to decide the child's future in this class or possibly placing him/her into a regular class.

Any student that fails one six-weeks during the year will be placed back into the regular corresponding class.

HONOR ROLL

QUALIFICATIONS:

A student must not receive an academic or citizenship grade lower than 80 at the end of a six weeks period to qualify for the "A-B" Honor Roll.

A student must not receive an academic or citizenship grade lower than 90 at the end of a six weeks period to qualify for the "A" Honor Roll.

HONOR SOCIETY

SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Being selected as a member of the Honor Society is an extremely high honor; perhaps the highest form of recognition of student excellence. Not only must each member have excellent grades, but also he/she must prove to be a young person of sterling character. In order to qualify for the Honor Society a student must:

1. Have an overall academic average of 90 or above in each of the following subjects and no grade below an 80 in any subject at the end of the first semester:
 - a. Language Arts
 - b. Math
 - c. Science
 - d. Social Studies
 - e. Computer Technology
2. Have a citizenship grade no lower than a "B"
3. Be of sterling character.
 - a. Consistently exemplify qualities of behavior.
 - b. Uphold principals of morality.
 - c. Demonstrate the highest standards of honesty.
 - d. Show courtesy, concern and respect for others.
 - e. Observe instructions and rules both inside and outside the classroom.

Students may be disqualified for the following:

1. Failure to maintain a 90 average.
 - a. If a member drops below a 90 average, he/she will be placed on probation for one six weeks.
 - b. If the member's average falls below 90 a second time, this will automatically disqualify the student until the A average is met.
 - c. A grade of an "F" in any subject automatically disqualifies a student from membership.
2. A grade of "C" in citizenship will eliminate any student from the Honor Society.
3. Inappropriate conduct will be grounds for expulsion from the society.
4. Officers will be elected and meetings will be conducted in an orderly manner.
5. Officers will be elected from the eighth grade class. The officers will be:
 - President – conducts meetings
 - Vice-President – assists president
 - Secretary – calls roll and write minutes
 - Treasurer – reports on funds
6. Two consecutive absences will result in expulsion from the honor society. Any officer who is going to be absent from a meeting should make provision for his duties to be met by another member.
7. No activity may be planned without the permission and presence of the sponsors. All meetings and/or projects must have prior approval from the Breckenridge Junior High principal.
8. Meetings will be held upon notice/announcements.

LIBRARY INFORMATION AND RULES

Books in the library may be found by using OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog). Non-fiction books are arranged on the shelves according to the subject matter (using the Dewey Decimal Classification system) and fiction is alphabetically arranged by the author's last name. Accelerated Reading books have a blue dot on the spine with reading level and points.

The library operates mostly on a serve-yourself basis, but students should feel free to ask the librarian or student assistants for help in finding the materials needed.

A few general rules are:

- All materials taken from the library must be checked out at the circulation desk.
- Most materials in the library may be checked out for two weeks; however, some items do not circulate but may be used in the library.
- Current issues of periodicals in plastic covers may be checked out for the day only; all other periodicals must be used in the library.
- Reference and reserve books may go out by the period or overnight. Overnight books are due by 8 AM the following school day.
- Media equipment circulates only to faculty members.
- The user should re-shelve encyclopedias and current periodicals. Other materials should be returned to the circulation desk. Do not leave books or periodicals on the tables.
- No student should have out more than two library books at any one time. This does not, however, apply to reference or special materials needed for specific assignments.
- Students who owe library assessments and/or fines or who have overdue books may not check out additional materials until settlement is made.
- It is the goal of the library to make materials as readily available as possible. Students should bring special problems to the librarian's attention.
- Library orientation is held at the beginning of the school year for 7th grade and new students.
- The library is open each day at 8:00 AM and during the last twenty minutes of regularly scheduled days. At this time students have unrestricted use of the library. During any period of the school day, students may come to the library upon individual passes signed by a teacher. Entire classes may be scheduled into the library at the teacher's discretion in cooperation with the librarian.
- While total silence is not necessary in the library, students should maintain an orderly, business-like atmosphere conducive to study and recreational reading.

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LOST, DAMAGED, OR STOLEN PERSONAL ITEMS

We ask that you discourage your child from wearing or bringing to school expensive or irreplaceable jewelry, watches, sunglasses, or personal clothing that may be removed during the day, such as winter coats. Students are responsible for all their personal possessions while at school or any school-sponsored or school-related event. **It is important that you understand the school district is not responsible for any personal items that are lost, damaged, or stolen at school or a school-related activity.**

A lost and found department is maintained in the office. Students losing personal property may inquire in the office. Students finding articles should turn them in to the office.

LUNCH RECESS

For safety reasons, students will be restricted to the hardtop area behind the main building or on the east side of the main building near the lunchroom area. If a student goes home for lunch or returns from lunch with his/her parent, they should report immediately to one of these areas. Students walking home for lunch should leave to go home immediately after the lunch bell rings. They should not hang around the campus for a while and then choose to leave to go home for lunch.

During periods of inclement weather, students will be permitted to sit in the downstairs hallway.

Rowdy or boisterous behavior will not be permitted during the noon period. Basketballs will be provided to students who check them out through the office. Basketballs checked out must be returned following recess by the person/persons who checked them out.

A teacher will be assigned duty during the period and students will be expected to cooperate.

MAKE-UP WORK

It is the responsibility of the student to make up work missed due to an absence. If a student misses one day, he or she will have one day to make up missed work, unless the student's teacher grants an extension. In the case of an extended illness, the teacher is required to give an extension agreed upon by the teacher and principal. If a student knows of a test or an assignment due on the date of an absence, the work will be due upon the day the student returns to school. Also, when students know in advance that they will be absent from school for accepted reasons, including authorized school trips; they must accept the responsibility for arranging make-up work with their teacher, **in advance** of such an absence. Parents or students may request work assignments from the office. If you request work, please pick up the work from the office. Make-up assignments or tests shall be made available to students after any absence.

SCHEDULES / REGISTRATION

Students should give a great deal of thought to the selection of courses to be taken. The counselor and teachers stand ready at all times to assist the student in planning a program of studies most suited to the needs of each individual. Pre-registration in the spring is the time to make definite course selections.

The class schedule is planned on the basis of courses selected by the students. Parents and students are encouraged to talk with the counselor at any time regarding selection of courses.

All students failing a TAKS subject will be required to receive remediation in math and/or reading. Schedules will be altered due to a need for remediation.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

It must be understood that any change may affect the entire schedule, and that includes instructors. Schedule changes should be made before and after school in the principal or counselor's office. Course changes will not be made unless it is in the best interest of the student and only then with the approval of the principal, counselor, and parent or guardian. Also the

student must receive written consent from each instructor affected, when the proposed change is student initiated.

Following the first week of instruction of each semester, schedule changes will be granted to correct errors and/or to balance a teacher's class load. Parents may request a change in teacher or assignment; however, the principal is not required to make the reassignment and will not do so ordinarily if that change would affect the assignment or reassignment of other students.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Activities of any school group or organization must be well planned with the advice and consent of the sponsor of the organization. All club or school organization sponsored activities are to be scheduled through the principal's office and arrangements should not be made before the principal has given his approval. If a student leaves a school-sponsored trip without **Signed** parental permission, he or she will automatically receive a "C" in citizenship and get three (3) days in ISS.

SCHOOL SPIRIT AND TRADITIONS

BRECKENRIDGE SCHOOL SONG

Hail to the Buckaroos.
Hats off to you.
Ever you'll find us
Loyal and true.
Firm and undaunted
Always we'll be.
Hail to the school we love.
Here's a toast to thee.

COLORS AND MASCOT

The BRONCO is the mascot of Breckenridge Junior High School. The school colors are green and white.

RULES OF SCHOOL SPIRIT

1. Be courteous to one and all, students and teachers alike.
2. Do not downgrade your school, the students or traditions.
3. Do not display unbecoming conduct or use profane language at any time.
4. Always support your team, whether they lose or win.
5. At pep rallies, all students need to stand when the school song is played and at other times requiring standing for pep rally activities.
6. Above all, have a deep respect for and pride in all that Breckenridge Junior High School stands for. Our school can only be as good as we, the students, make it.

SCHOOL TRIPS, EXTRA-CURRICULAR OR OTHER ACTIVITIES

Many trips are arranged for students during the school year, either co-curricular or extra-curricular. Students making a school trip are expected to go by school-endorsed cars, bus or other school transportation. We go as a group and return as a group. The sponsor **must** give a student list to the principal and office to be approved before the event.

Students must come back the same way **UNLESS PARENTS COME PERSONALLY AND**

SPEAK TO THE GROUP SPONSORS and sign his/her child out, or a parent may submit a written request to the principal twenty-four hours before the scheduled trip. **Any violation of this rule will result in a “C” in citizenship and up to three (3) days in ISS.**

Students missing school on school trips will be excused, but all assignments for work missed must be made up. It is the responsibility of the student to ask for make-up work. One day of make-up time is allowed for each day missed. It is advisable that students ask for and complete any make-up work BEFORE they miss for a planned absence.

STUDENTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ONLY IF THEY ARE PASSING ALL COURSES. Students attending conferences and University Interscholastic League contests are held responsible for their conduct from the time of departure until they return, just as they would be while in school.

The District shall not schedule, or permit students to participate in any school-related activities on or off campus, that would require, permit or allow a student to be ABSENT FROM CLASS IN ANY COURSE MORE THAN DISTRICT POLICY PERMITS (10 days) DURING THE 177-DAY SCHOOL YEAR (FULL COURSE) per Local Policy FM.

Behavior at Extracurricular Events / Games

We would like to thank all of our students for their support of their schoolmates at extracurricular events. However, due to safety concerns and the need for order at athletic events, the following expectations are in place for BJHS students.

- Students should display a high level of sportsmanship.
- Students should sit in the stands during games and not run around the gymnasium or stadium during the event.
- Students are not allowed to hang around outside of the football stadium or gymnasium.
- Students should not loiter around the restroom and concession areas.
- When students chose to leave an event before it is over, they will be expected to leave the campus.
- Students returning to events after leaving will be required to pay in order to be admitted, unless otherwise approved by the administrator in charge.

Students who fail to follow these expectations will be asked to leave the event and further sanctions may be imposed.

SKATEBOARDS, ROLLERBLADES, BICYCLES, AND SCOOTERS

Students are not allowed to bring skateboards, roller blades, or scooters on the school property before, during or after school. They may ride bicycles to school and place them in the bicycle rack near the high school locker room. Students are not allowed to ride bikes on school grounds. Signs are posted and violators will be reported to the school resource officer or police.

SOCIALS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The rules of good conduct and grooming shall be observed for school social events. Students attending a party or social may be asked to sign out when leaving before the end of the party; anyone leaving before the official end of the party will not be readmitted.

Students that have a citizenship grade of “C” or lower will not be permitted to attend the socials or co-curricular activities for the next six weeks period (see CITIZENSHIP and DRESS CODE for more information on socials).

STUDENT ACCIDENTAL INSURANCE

Any student participating in the school band or in school physical activities must either have school insurance or furnish a statement of responsibility from parents. The parental statement must indicate that the parents have other insurance or are willing to assume responsibility for any medical bills and hospitalization as a result of participation in a school activity, including responsibility for the deductible amount of the insurance and any other costs above the insurance coverage.

Primary insurance coverage for student protection in all grades is the responsibility of the parents. You should purchase insurance to provide coverage for your child to cover any injury that might occur at school or in any school activity.

Breckenridge ISD provides a secondary supplemental accident insurance policy for students participating in grades 7-12 UIL activities.

Parents shall accept responsibility for any medical expenses or costs related to any student injury which exceed the limits of the secondary insurance coverage provided by the school district for students in grades 7-12 UIL activities.

Parents should file claims with their primary insurance policy prior to filing for secondary insurance coverage that the school district provides. Be sure to review all policy coverage so you understand exactly what is covered or not covered.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Please review the District's Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct for information on student behavior expectations, offenses, and consequences.

STUDENT COUNCIL

OBJECTIVE

The object of the student council will be to develop good citizenship in the student body, to provide purposeful direction of school activities, to assist in the management of student concerns, and to encourage school spirit.

ELECTION GUIDELINES:

The seventh grade class will elect students to the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer during the last two weeks of school. These officers will take office in the fall of the following school year.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICERS:

1. Must be classified as an eighth grader before his/her term of office begins in the fall.
2. Candidates must have an overall academic average of an 80 and a citizenship average of an "A" without having received a "C" in citizenship in two or more six-weeks prior to the election.
3. Candidates must have been enrolled in Breckenridge ISD for three or parts of three six-weeks of the school year in which they are elected in the spring.
4. A student on probation or guilty of serious misconduct cannot be a candidate.
5. The principal and a majority of the faculty may declare a candidate ineligible for reasons of serious misconduct.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES:

One representative and one alternate will be elected from each of the 7th and 8th grade advisory classes during the first six weeks of the fall term. The candidates for representatives must meet the same requirements listed above for the officers.

MAINTAINING MEMBERSHIP:

Grades must remain above an 80 average with no grade lower than a B (including citizenship). If a student falls below this standard during a 6 weeks reporting period, he or she will be put on probation for the next six weeks. If grades are not raised to an 80 or above by the end of the probation period, the student will be removed from the council and the alternate will move up. Also, after being elected students who are placed on probation or found guilty of serious misconduct will lose their position.

MEETINGS:

The Student Council will meet at least two times a year at a time designated by the membership of the council. Special meetings can be called by the president, sponsor, principal, or by written request of the members. No previous notice is necessary if it is held during school. If held after school, at least one day's notice is required.

MEMBERS:

Any member will be removed if he/she misses three meetings without presenting reasonable excuses to the advisor. Any disagreement between the member and the advisor over the reasonableness of an excuse will be decided by the assembly. Any member of the Student Council may be removed from membership by a two-thirds vote of the Council members for:

1. misconduct at meetings
2. fighting at school
3. failure to do his/her job

Any member has the right to present his case to the assembly prior to a vote on removal.

TARDIES

A student will be considered tardy upon entering the classroom after the scheduled beginning of class. Students who are consistently in the room, out of their desks, and off task can receive a tardy once they are warned. Tardies will be calculated each six weeks. Students are allowed two tardies each six weeks. The third tardy will result in two days in detention hall or one swat. The fourth tardy will result in three days in detention hall or two swats. The fifth tardy will result in three days of ISS or Saturday School. On the sixth tardy, a student may be placed in multiple days of ISS or a week of DAEP.

Students are expected to come to class with materials; however, **tardies will not be given for students not having supplies or books at the beginning of class. Teachers may not allow a student to return to their locker for supplies and then require the student to report to the office for a tardy slip.** Other classroom management techniques should be used to determine consequences for this behavior.

TELEPHONE

The school telephones are for school business. Students have access to the phones before school, after school or during lunch recess. Students are not to use them except by permission and then only in **cases of definite need**. Extension lines are provided in various buildings, but are not to be used by students. If a student is sick or needs to call home, they report to the school office. Student must sign out when leaving the building. (see also Attendance)

Students receiving calls during class will be contacted at the close of the period except in cases of emergency. Students should instruct parents and friends to refrain from calling them at school except in cases of definite emergency. Students will not be released from class to make phone calls, except in cases of definite emergency.

TEST SCHEDULE

Refer to district calendar and website.

TOBACCO

Any student in possession of tobacco or tobacco by-products will be placed in DAEP for 5 days.

Any student caught with alcohol or drugs and/or under the influence of alcohol or drugs while at school or attending a school related function will be disciplined in accordance with BISD Student Code of Conduct (mandatory expulsion, discretionary expulsion, or DAEP assignment).

TRUANCY

Breckenridge Junior High School is a closed campus. Though students are given many freedoms, leaving campus with anyone but the parent, guardian, or other authorized adult is strictly prohibited. Once a student arrives at school he/she may not leave the campus unless they sign out in the office and sign back in when they return.

Truancy is a serious offense and will be addressed severely. Any suspected case of truancy should be reported to the principal. The BISD Resource Officer and At-Risk coordinator will be notified immediately if a student is suspected of skipping school or leaving school without permission. Students who are absent from school without proper excuses will receive a certified letter from the Truant Officer upon missing three days or parts of days within a 4-week period or they fail to attend school on ten or more days or parts of days within a 6-month period in the same school year. **The District will file on the student and parent** on the fourth unexcused absence and the Justice of the Peace will rule on the truancy.

YOU ARE TRUANT IF:

- You leave school without permission from the office.
- You leave class without permission from the teacher.
- You are absent without permission (skipping).
- You obtain a pass to go to a certain place, but do not report there or fail to return to the classroom.
- You become ill and go home without reporting to the office or stay in the restroom without reporting to the teacher or clinic.
- You go home for lunch and remain home for any reason without having a parent notify the school office.
- You come to school but do not attend classes.
- You present an excuse to the office signed by someone other than your parent or guardian.

TUTORIALS

Students who are failing in any of the four major disciplines: English, math, science, and social studies—**ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TUTORIALS** from 3:40 PM – 4:00 PM.

VISITORS

PARENT VISITS

You are encouraged to visit your children's school from time to time; however, we ask that you comply with our policy requiring **all** visitors to go first to the principal's office and sign in. We have this policy for the safety of your children and our staff. Parents and any other person on campus without the principal's knowledge will be considered as trespassers.

We also expect parents to be polite and civil in their dealings with all school staff. We do not permit or tolerate abusive, disrespectful, threatening, lewd, profane, or offensive language from your children at school, and we will not tolerate it from parents. Parents who create a disruption at school or behave unacceptably may be prohibited from coming onto school property without specific authority and will be treated as criminal trespassers if they disregard the principal's or superintendent's directive.

While we encourage you to be involved in your child's education and knowledgeable about their classes, teachers, and curriculum, it has been our experience that frequent and lengthy visits to the classroom are disruptive both to teaching and learning. The principal can limit or restrict the frequency and duration of classroom visits to be sure that disruption of the instructional process does not occur.

We encourage you to come to school occasionally and eat lunch with your child; however, children can be removed from the campus during the lunch period only by following the established process of signing the child out from the principal's office. Unless we have possession of a court document that limits a possessory conservator's (that is the parent who does not ordinarily have custody of the student) access to their child while at school, we will permit either parent to eat lunch with their child at school.

NON-PARENT VISITS

All visitors should first come to the office. Students will not be called from class to meet a visitor except by request of the parent or in case of emergency. Students from other schools will not be permitted to visit in classes without special permission from principal.