



CAREY SCHOOL
FAMILY HANDBOOK
2024-2025

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GENERAL INFORMATION

District Philosophy

Mission

The mission of Blaine County School District is to inspire, engage, educate and empower every student.

Values

Balancing rigorous, evidence-based instruction with an environment of collaboration, compassion, humility and inclusion to help every student succeed at the highest level.

School Philosophy

Mission

To be a Complete 21st Century Community of Learning and Leadership through Inspiring, Engaging, Educating and Empowering every student.

Purpose

To prepare each student for their next level or experience in school and to be College, Career, and Life Skills ready

Grades: Pre-Kindergarten - 12th Grade

Mascot: Panthers





Contact Information

Address	20 Panther Lane, Carey, ID 83320
District Website	https://www.blaineschools.org
School Website	https://www.blaineschools.org/carey
School Office Phone	(208) 578-5040
Elementary Office	(208) 578-5040
Elementary Fax	(208) 578-5143
High School Office	(208) 578-5045
High School Fax	(208) 578-5141
Attendance Elementary	(208) 578-5040
Attendance High School	(208) 578-5045
Faculty/Staff Voicemail	(208) 578-5040
Guidance Information	(208) 578-5042

Our school website contains the most up-to-date calendar available. It also includes the Carey School staff directory, teacher webpages, schedule of school activities, sporting events, field trips and other pertinent information.

Carey School Office

NAME	POSITION	PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
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Our School

The Blaine County School District and its patrons have provided the students of Carey School with top-notch facilities and resources. We pride ourselves in having a veteran faculty that works together to meet the needs of all students, providing them with the high-quality educational experience they deserve.

As Panthers, we strive to develop habits, to reach our maximum potential, to compete at the highest level, to work together for the common good, and to continue the tradition of excellence that is evident in all that we do.

School Hours

Elementary

- 8:10 Warning bell rings
- 8:15 Elementary school begins
- 3:15 Elementary school dismisses



Grades 7 - 12

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Bell Schedule

- 8:15-9:25 1st Hour
- 9:29-10:39 2nd Hour
- 10:43-11:03 Homeroom
- 11:07-12:17 3rd Hour
- 12:17-12:47 Lunch
- 12:51-2:01 4th Hour
- 2:05-3:13 5th Hour

Wednesday Bell Schedule (PLC Early Release)

- 8:15-9:13 1st Hour
- 9:17-10:15 2nd Hour
- 10:19-11:17 3rd Hour
- 11:17-12:15 4th Hour
- 12:19-12:49 Lunch
- 12:53-1:50 5th Hour

Supervision

Carey School faculty and staff have supervision responsibilities from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Students are not supervised on school grounds at any other time. Students are welcome on campus when they are getting help from a staff member or are participating in an organized school activity. Parents are responsible for the safety and supervision of their children if they are



on school grounds at any other time. Students will not be allowed to hang out at school or on school grounds while school is not in session.

Drop Off and Pick Up Locations

Due to safety concerns, Idaho statute, Board policy, financial resources and staff considerations, we are not able to continue providing different drop-off locations on different days of the week for individual students.

We will provide one fixed pick-up location in the morning and one fixed drop-off location in the afternoon within the school's attendance zone. The morning location and the afternoon location may differ, but once they are determined, they need to remain the same throughout the school year. Please contact the school office if you have a change in circumstances.





Academic Achievement

Graduation Requirements

Idaho and Blaine County School District credits required for graduation from Carey High School:

Subject	Trimester Credits Required
ENGLISH	8
MATH¹	6
SCIENCE	6 (4 lab)
SOCIAL STUDIES	11
Economics	1
US History	2
World History	2
American Government	2
Health	1
Speech	1
Physical Education	2
HUMANITIES	8
Visual/Performing Arts	2
World Language	2
Career/Technical Education	3
Senior Project	1
Community Service ²	15 Hours
<i>Each student will pass the State Civics Exam</i>	
ELECTIVES	15
TOTAL CREDITS	54

¹ Two math credits must be taken during senior year and Pre-Algebra doesn't count as a high school math credit. Must have 2 credits of Algebra, 2 of Geometry and 2 others.

² Community Service hours must be outside of school hours.



Recommended Schedule of High School Courses

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12thGrade
English 9 A&B	English 10 A&B	English 11 A&B	English 12 A&B
Integrated I	Integrated II	Integrated III	Math (2 credits)
Physical Science A&B	Biology A&B	Lab Science	Lab Science
World History A&B	U.S. History A&B	Economics	Government A&B
World Language A&B	Physical Education	Health	Senior Project
Computer Applications	Career/Tech Education	ACAD 101	Public Speaking
Physical Education	Art or Music Electives	Art or Music Electives	Career/Tech Education
Humanities Electives	Electives	Career/Tech Education	Physical Education
Electives	Electives	Electives	Electives

Valedictorian & Salutatorian



The valedictorian and salutatorian at Carey School are determined by students' first 11 trimester cumulative GPA. The student with the highest cumulative GPA will be the valedictorian and the second-highest GPA will be the salutatorian. If there is a tie or question, the principal will make the final determination. AP classes and dual credit classes will be counted on a 5-point scale and all other classes will be counted on a 4-point scale in determining the top GPA for the valedictorian and salutatorian.

Using the 5-point scale for AP and dual credit classes will only be for determining the valedictorian and salutatorian, not for any other GPA calculation. For example:

Student 1	(3 A's & 2 B's)	Student 2	(3 A's & 2 B's)
Government	A 4.0	Government	A 4.0
History	B 3.0	AP Calculus	B 4.0
Construction	A 4.0	Construction	A 4.0
PE	A 4.0	Chemistry (dual credit)	A 5.0
Senior Project	B 3.0	Senior Project	B 3.0
Total GPA	3.6	Total GPA	4.0



Counseling Appointments

Students wishing to see the counselor can stop by the office to set up an appointment. Ms. Kimberly Hochendoner is available to assist students and parents with their questions regarding graduation requirements, state and national testing information, college and career orientation, scholarship information, report cards, transcripts, and counseling services. She is available to parents by phone at (208) 578-5042 or by email at khochendoner@blaineschools.org.



Schedule Changes

Students can change their schedules during the first three school days of the trimester. Parents will be required to sign off on class changes.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

The Board of Trustees seeks to protect the rights of each student and promote the welfare of the student body. Students' primary purpose in attending school is to engage in learning, and their collaboration in and dedication to this process is fundamental to obtaining a quality education.

Rights

- All students are entitled to a uniform and thorough free public education as defined by Idaho Statute and Board policy.
- Students are allowed their constitutionally protected rights of free speech, due process, petition and assembly, as long as they do not disrupt the educational function of the school or interfere with the property or constitutional rights of others.

Responsibilities

- All students who attend Carey School shall:
 - comply with the written policies, rules, and regulations of the schools;
 - pursue the required course of studies;
 - respect the authority of staff of the school, subject to such consequence as the school officials determine.
- Students are expected to contribute to a physically, emotionally, socially secure, and cooperative school environment.



18-Year Old Students

All school policies, rules, and regulations at Carey School will be followed by all students, including those 18 and older. Students turning 18 during the school year please be advised that report cards, notices, etc will still be addressed to your parent/guardian.

Students 18 years old or older may check themselves out of school upon completion of the required form. Please see the front office to access the proper form.

Athletic Enrollment

Students not enrolled in Carey School are eligible to play in athletics contingent on space available. Priority is given to students who are enrolled full-time.

Attendance

Carey School enforces the BCSD Attendance Policy as outlined in the BCSD Family Handbook. Consistent attendance is expected and critical to the success of WRHS students. If a student does exceed the 6 absences limit, they may have their credits temporarily withheld and receive an "NC" (No Credit) in the course(s) in which they have accumulated too many absences.

Per [Board Policy 522 - Student Attendance](#), students are required to be in attendance at least 90% of the time that school is in session. This equates to students being able to have up to 6 excused and unexcused absences each class, each trimester. It should also be noted that 6 tardies equate to one absence. If a student does exceed the 6 absences limit, they may have their credits temporarily withheld and receive an "NC" (No Credit) in the course(s) they have accumulated too many absences. Be advised that NCs can impact eligibility for athletics and/or activities due to IHSA guidelines.

Student Check Out

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are required to communicate with the front office in order to dismiss their student from school. Students can only be released by their legal parent/guardian or emergency contact.

Students must check out, with permission, at the main office before leaving campus. To check out properly a student must:

Go to the office to sign out, with permission from a parent/guardian, on the designated student computer, and:

1. Present a note signed by your parent/guardian giving you permission to leave campus at a predetermined time, or:
2. Call your parent/guardian and have them speak with office personnel giving you permission to leave.

Failure to follow this procedure will result in a Truancy/Unexcused absence.



If your child is ill or absent, parents are expected to call the office in the morning to report and excuse their absence. You may leave a voicemail message at x5045.

The administration has the final determination of whether an absence is excused or unexcused.

IDLA Registration Process

Idaho Digital Learning Alliance (IDLA) is a state-sponsored, accredited, online school created to provide students with greater access to a wide variety of courses taught by highly qualified faculty. IDLA works in partnership with Idaho school districts to offer online courses to students. This increases access and equity for students statewide.

To sign up for an Idaho Digital Learning course, students must be enrolled with the local school and have completed all necessary prerequisites for the class prior to enrollment. To enroll in an IDLA course, students must first meet with their counselor to determine if they qualify for this option. Parent approval is also required.

Credit and grades for an IDLA course is granted through the local school. These grades and credits will be part of a student's official transcript.

Fees are \$75 per class, payable online to IDLA after registration prior to the start of class. If students are enrolled in twelve CHS classes in the course of a year, they can use Advanced Opportunities funds to pay for the course. If students fail to pass an IDLA course which is funded by Advanced Opportunities funds, they will not have access to additional Advanced Opportunities funds until they have successfully passed an IDLA course and paid for the course. For additional information and a list of available classes and session dates, please see the assigned counselor.



STUDENT CONDUCT

Discipline

Students found in violation of Carey School or BCSD policies may be subject to one or more of the following consequences as determined by the administration.

Detention

Students found in violation of Carey School or BCSD policies may be assigned detention. Detentions may be held at lunch or after school. Students who are assigned after school detention must make their own arrangements for transportation.

In-School Suspension (ISS)

The length of an in-school suspension assignment may vary from one period to five school days. Students who are assigned an in-school suspension must report to the office immediately upon arrival and stay in ISS until the end of their last scheduled class period. Students are expected to adhere to the following:

1. students will be allowed to leave the room only during specified restroom breaks;
2. students must bring their lunch or get lunch from the cafeteria;
3. students will coordinate with their teachers and the ISS coordinator to maintain their current academic progress;
4. students will complete assigned online intervention and prevention program(s) that are designed to positively impact student behavior.

Failure to comply with these provisions will result in a parent conference and loss of privileges including but not limited to: parking, school sponsored activities, dances, etc., and/or out-of-school suspension.

Out-of-School Suspension

According to the Idaho School Code, a student may be suspended for up to five days for gross misconduct and disobedience. IF STUDENTS ARE SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL, THEY MAY NOT BE ON CAMPUS OR ATTEND ANY SCHOOL FUNCTION FOR ANY REASON UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE WITH ADMINISTRATION. The district is permitted to impose suspension from school not to exceed 10 consecutive days.

Restorative Conversations

A restorative conversation, led by a neutral third party, resolves conflicts and rebuilds relationships in schools through active listening, empathy, and accountability. It's employed in student conflicts, bullying incidents, and disciplinary matters to understand, repair harm, and



prevent future issues. It complements other disciplinary actions, aiding students in growth and learning from their actions.

Pre-Expulsion

Carey School students who receive multiple disciplinary actions and/or have excessive absences, may be referred to a pre-expulsion hearing. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be notified of their student's impending pre-expulsion hearing via District correspondence. The purpose of this correspondence is to inform parent(s)/guardian(s) of their student's due process rights, including right to counsel.

This hearing will be held in front of BCSD hearing officers from outside of Carey School and will adhere to the following protocol:

- The Carey School administrator will present the facts of the case and answer any questions from parent(s)/guardian(s)/student and BCSD administrator.
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Student will present any counter evidence or contribute relevant information.
- After the Carey School administration has presented their case, the hearing officers will then decide whether the student should be sent to the School Board for a formal expulsion hearing, or be able to return to school under specific conditions.

Expulsion

Students who have committed a major violation or violated a pre-expulsion contract may face expulsion. Students are out of school suspended until the expulsion hearing. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be notified of their student's impending expulsion hearing via District correspondence. This correspondence will inform parent(s)/guardian(s) of their student's due process rights, including right to counsel. The procedure for an expulsion hearing is the same as a pre-expulsion but in front of the BCSD School Board.

Misconduct

See the BCSD Family Handbook for specific information regarding the different types of misconduct. The chart below outlines Carey School's response to the different types of misconduct.

Misconduct Consequences Quick Guide

Abbreviation definitions:

- D - Detention
- EX - Expulsion
- F - Fine
- LC- Loss of Credit
- LP - Loss of privileges
- LTS - Long term suspension (3+ days - Carey School Admin; 6+ days - superintendent)
- PRE - Pre-expulsion



- PN - Police notification
- RR - Referral to outside resource
- SS - Saturday School
- STS - Short term suspension (1 period up to 3 days)
- W - Warning

Please note the below is not an exhaustive list. The Administration reserves the right to by-pass one or more of the steps depending on severity.

Misconduct	Minimum Violation Consequence	Maximum or Repeated Violation Consequence
Academic Dishonesty	W/D/STS	LTS/LC
Alcohol/Drugs	STS/PN/RR/LP	LTS/PRE/EX/PN/RR/LP
Arson	STS/PN/F	LTS/F/PRE/EX/PN/RR
Bus Offense	LP/STS	LP/LTS
Dress Code	W/LP	STS/LP
Disruption	W/STS/RR	LTS/LP
Drug Paraphernalia	STS/PN/RR/LP	LTS/PRE/EX/PN/RR/LP
Electronic(s) Violation	W/LP	D/STS/LP
Extortion	STS/PN	LTS/PRE/EX/PN
Forgery	W/D/STS	LTS/PN
Harassment	W/STS/LP/RR	LTS/PN/LP/PRE/EX
Inappropriate Language	W/D/LP	STS/LP
Insubordination	W/D/LP/STS	LTS/LP
Parking/Driving	W/LP/F/STS	PN/F/LP/LTS/PRE
Physical Assault on Staff	STS/PN/LP	PN/LST/PRE/EX
Physical Violence	STS/PN/LP	PN/LST/PRE/EX
Public Displays of Affection	W/LP	STS/LTS
Verbal Assault on Staff	W/D/STS/LP	PN/LTS/PRE
Responsible Use Agreement Violation	W/D/STS/LP	PN/LTS/PRE/EX



Misconduct	Minimum Violation Consequence	Maximum or Repeated Violation Consequence
Tobacco/Nicotine	STS/PN/RR/LP	LTS/PRE/EX/PN/RR/LP
Tardiness	W/D/LP	SS/LC/LP
Truancy	W/D/LP	STS/LTS/SS/LC/LP/PRE
Theft	W/STS/LP/PN/F	PN/LTS/F/PRE/EX
Threats	W/STS/PN/LP	PN/LTS/PRE/EX
Vandalism	W/STS/F/PN	PN/F/LTS/PRE/EX
Water/Snowballs	W/D/LP/STS	PN/LTS/LP/PRE
Weapons	W/LP/STS/PN	PN/LTS/PRE/EX

Use of or Possession of Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco, or Drug Paraphernalia:

Student use of, or possession of, alcohol or other prohibited substances (i.e., vapes, any e-cig, etc.) will not be permitted on school property. This applies not only during school hours, but during any school-sponsored activity, whether on or off school property, and applies to student vehicles as well. To eliminate drugs from Carey High School, a drug dog may visit the school and parking lot throughout the school year.

If there is reasonable suspicion to believe that a student is either under the influence or in possession of an illegal substance, they will be required to take a drug test provided by the school administration at no cost. Person, possessions, and vehicle will be searched. Refusal to be tested will result in immediate enforcement of Board [Policy 551 - Student Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use](#).



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fines

Students are responsible for textbooks, materials and other school equipment, either checked out to them or used in class or school activities. Please ensure that these items are cared for properly. Any lost, stolen, damaged school property will result in the student paying for those items. Fines can also be incurred through parking and/or driving violations.

Lunch Policy

Carey School's lunch policy is in accordance with Board [Policy 529 - Open/Closed Campus](#).

Money and Valuables

Please do not bring large amounts of money or valuables to school. Students should see that any valuables brought to school are secure at all times. The school cannot accept responsibility for lost or stolen articles. If you must bring large amounts of money or something valuable, please take it to the front office where it will be put into the office safe.

National Honor Society

National Honor Society (NHS) strives to empower, champion, and recognize well-rounded students. NHS provides schools with a values-based framework to elevate a culture of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. This is accomplished by participating in community service and keeping a high academic record.

How do you join the National Honor Society?

If you are interested in joining the NHS, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be eligible at the end of first trimester in the spring of sophomore, junior, or senior year.
2. Must have a GPA of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale).
3. Must have been in attendance at the school for an equivalency of one trimester.
4. Must demonstrate the following requirements: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.
5. Must have a clean discipline record in the qualifying year.

Signs, Posters, etc.

Members of clubs or other school organizations wishing to put up posters must first have them approved by their advisor. Individuals who wish to put up posters must secure approval from administration. Those who put up such posters are responsible for removing them and all tape after the event.



Student Health

Carey School has a school nurse available located in the Front Office. Should students become ill or injured at school, they can report to the Front Office with their teachers' permission. When necessary, parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted.

Several basic over-the-counter medications (ibuprofen, acetaminophen, tums, antihistamine, etc.) will be available through the nurse's office. Prior to administering these OTC medications, a parent/guardian will need to provide permission over the phone.

Visitors

All visitors must check in at the front office and always wear a visitor pass while visiting Carey School. Access to classrooms and staff will be contingent on availability.

Students who want to bring another student to shadow them for the day must submit a completed Student Shadow Request Form to an administrator for approval at least two days prior to the shadow date. The student Shadow Request Form can be accessed through the student's counselor.

Withdrawal from School

If it becomes necessary for a student to withdraw from school, a checkout sheet from the guidance office must be obtained. The student is expected to return all books and electronics, obtain all signatures for fee amounts and grades, and pay fees. The checkout sheet will be submitted to the guidance office for clearance.

Outdoor Education and Community Partnerships

Outdoor education and our community partnerships are highly valued at Carey School. We incorporate the outdoors by providing diverse opportunities for students throughout the years. Our third graders spend a day hiking and learning at Craters of the Moon National Monument, fourth graders travel to Ketchum to join in on Wagon's Ho, fifth graders participate in a two night camping trip at [Idaho BASE Camp](#), our fourth, fifth and sixth grade students get to enjoy three days of skiing at Dollar and Baldy mountain. Finally, our sixth graders work to fundraise and spend three full days in Yellowstone National Park with their classmates, parents and teachers.

Student Body Constitution

This is the guiding document for the positions and roles of our student body representatives. This document can be accessed [here](#).



Student Activities

Student activities are regarded as a vital part of the total educational program and are used as a means of developing knowledge and skills beyond the classroom, school pride and spirit, and opportunities for students to develop their skills and relationships within our community

For all organized student activities, the principal (or a delegated faculty member) shall be responsible for providing adequate supervision, administering student finances, and giving final approval. Elected student officials will decide how student body funds are expended with the assistance and guidance of assigned advisors and the approval of the principal. Advisors shall be present at all meetings or functions of any class or club.

Hazing or other forms of initiation are prohibited. Only formal induction ceremonies for a club, class or student body activity will be allowed and then only under the planning and supervision of the advisor and principal.

School Dances

To attend a Carey School-sponsored dance, students must present a current Carey School Student ID card.

- Once a student enters and then leaves the dance, they will not be permitted to return.
- Alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited. Anyone under the influence will not be admitted to the dance and will be subject to school disciplinary policy. Any student in violation may lose their dance privileges for the remainder of the school year. A breathalyzer or Alco Screen may be used to determine if students are under the influence of alcohol at the dance.
- Each student may sponsor one guest per event as long as a guest pass has been completed and turned in on time. Guest pass forms can be picked up in the front office.
 - Any student bringing a guest must complete and turn in the Carey School guest pass to administration 48 hours prior to the event.
 - Any guest must be enrolled as a high school student, grades 9-12, no younger than 14 and no older than 19 years of age, or a Carey graduate no older than 19.
 - All guests must be in good standing with their school.
 - The guest's ID must be presented at the door.

Dances are considered a school event and all school rules apply to students attending dances. High school dances will end no later than 11:30pm; the only exception to this will be the prom, which may end at 12:00 midnight. Junior high dances end at 10:00 p.m.



Junior high students in 7th and 8th grade can only attend junior high dances, and students in grades 9-12 can only attend high school dances.

Parent Teacher Association

Carey School is working to develop a PTA in order to support our students and staff. At this time, there are sign-ups for opportunities to volunteer as they occur. If you are interested in being on the PTA, please contact the school.

