

WELCOME

School Mission

The Learning Community at Bidwell Junior High School is committed to developing students who STRIVE for excellence by demonstrating teamwork, responsibility, insight, virtue and educational merit.

School Vision

Bidwell Junior High School has a vision of learning that creates a positive connection to school. The staff at Bidwell has a focus on learning that prepares students academically and socially for the rigor of high school and, upon graduation, to be college and career ready. Students demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills inside and outside the classroom in a responsible manner. As our first priority, we seek to maintain a safe and orderly campus, so that every day Pioneers can strive for excellence. To this end, staff has identified collective commitments to make this vision a reality.

OUR TRADITION OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP FOCUSES UPON THREE EXPECTATIONS:

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

As students at this school we expect you to follow the rules. These rules are designed to protect you and your rights as well as the rights of all students to have an excellent education.

STUDENT'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students have a Right to:

- Equal education opportunity
- Free and responsible expression
- Be treated with tolerance by peers
- Feel safe, secure and supported
- Fair and consistent consequences through due process

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students have the responsibility to:

- Obey all the laws of California and adhere to the Ed Code section 48900 provisions
- Obey the adults in charge
- Eat in designated areas only
- Keep hands, feet and other objects to yourself at all times
- Practice Kindness and good manners (please, may I, and thank you)

TEACHER CLASSROOM CONSEQUENCES

- Teacher/student conference
- Parent contact/conference or behavior contract
- Teacher consequences
- Referral to Assistant Principal

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSEQUENCES

- Parent contact or conference
- Detention (lunch or after school)
- Community service
- Saturday School
- In-School Suspension (on-site or Academy For Change)
- Loss of extracurricular activities (dances, field trips, etc)
- Suspension
- Recommendation for Expulsion

JR. HIGH PROMOTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Promotion for 7th and 8th graders enrolled at the junior high schools will be based upon:

- **Credits:** A student will earn 50 out of 60 credits each year for promotion to the next grade, including credits earned in the remediation/intervention program. You may not fail the same subject/class all year.
- **Semester Grades:** Credits will be calculated by semester, but reviewed quarterly to identify students in need of participation in the remediation/intervention program.
- **Attendance:** A student must attend a minimum of 85% of total school days each year.

GUIDELINES FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY

If you are going to be absent from school for five or more school days, you will need to come in and sign a contract in the counseling office with your parent(s) at least a week in advance. Counselors will put a packet together including an assignment sheet for you to take around to your teachers. The Independent Study program will help keep you current with your school work. If you have any questions, you can call or e-mail your counselor, or see Mrs. Castle in the Attendance office.

ABSENCE REPORTING PROCEDURES

If you are absent, on your first day back, you need to report to the attendance office **BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS.**

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS WHEN ABSENT

Upon returning to school it is the student's responsibility to check in with all teachers to get missing work. It is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** that students attend TLC before school and at lunch to get help and caught up in all subjects.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Parents can call the attendance office (891-3080 x3) to request homework for their student. Homework requests are done for **three days of absence or more.** In order for parents to pick up the homework on the same day that they call, the request needs to be received before 9:00 A.M. If the request is received after 9:00 A.M. the homework will be ready by 3:30 P.M. the following day and must be picked up by 4:30 P.M. If after requesting homework from your student's teachers, if it is not picked up, it will be returned to the teachers.

The Principal/Assistant Principal, with respect to student rights, will choose the appropriate consequences. Based upon the Ed Code, the Principal/Assistant Principal shall have the authority to suspend from school any pupil guilty of gross misconduct or repeated insubordination or defiance of school organization and/or rules. Prior to suspension, the student will be given an opportunity to state his/her views on the matter to the Principal/Assistant Principal.

DETENTION

You may be assigned teacher detention and/or administration detention for inappropriate behavior—as determined by the school official.

Administration detentions are assigned during the lunch time.

Teacher detention may be assigned as part of their classroom behavior plan. Teacher assigned detentions are supervised by the assigning teacher at a time determined by the teacher. Students may be detained up to one (1) hour on any given school day (Calif. Admin. Code Title 5. Sec. 353).

If you do not attend the assigned detention, you will be assigned additional detention days, Saturday School, or in school suspension. Detention may be rescheduled due to absence, illness, medical appointments, or a family emergency.

BIDWELL IS A BULLY FREE ZONE

BULLYING

All school personnel will not tolerate bullying in order to ensure a safe school environment for all students.



Don't get a cheap laugh from your friends at another student's expense. Be respectful at all times. Keep negative comments to yourself. (This includes text messages, Snapchat and other social media)

Definition: Bullying is the deliberate, unjustifiable and unprovoked use of aggressive behavior. It includes actions that cause physical, emotional, or mental hurt to the victim and actions that violate another person's freedom or rights. **To report bullying you can call the confidential Violence Prevention tip line at 891-3080 ext. 140.**

HARASSMENT

Any time you feel you are being mistreated, feel uncomfortable, or singled out by another student or adult you may be experiencing harassment, PLEASE tell a teacher, counselor or an administrator. Every type of harassment is taken very seriously by the administration and will be dealt with properly. You can always call the confidential Violence Prevention tip line at 891-3080, extension 140.

Harassment that is deemed to be racially, ethnically, or religiously directed will be dealt with the full application of the law. Don't be intolerant.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment is unwelcome advances, requests for favors, or other verbal or physical actions of a sexual nature. Any time you feel uncomfortable about how you are being treated, you should contact a teacher, counselor or an administrator. This adult will explain the procedures and refer the complaint to the site designee for processing and investigation.

CAMPUS SUPERVISION

Students who arrive on campus before 7:45 a.m. must report to BLAST. Before school starts all students must stay in designated supervised areas south of the 400 wing: BLAST room(s), MPR, Covered area, Courtyard, Basketball Court, and the Field. The library and tech lab are open for student use at 7:45 M T Th F and 8:15 on late start Wednesdays.

Students are also required to leave campus by 3:00 p.m. unless they are participating in a supervised activity. Bus students are to report to the bus area after school and remain there until their bus arrives.

CLOSED CAMPUS REGULATIONS

Do not leave the campus once you arrive. The closed campus policy means that once a student arrives at school in the morning, whether by bus or by any other means, the student is to remain on campus until dismissed from the last class of the day. This policy includes late start Wednesdays. Violations will result in Saturday School or suspension.

VISITORS

Students may not bring visitors from other schools with them. School administration may approve other students such as a visitor from a foreign country, but not for the entire day. Bidwell students may not visit other CUSD campuses during regular school hours unless they are part of a supervised educational activity. This means you cannot go back to your elementary school on our late start Wednesdays!



ACCELERATED READER BOOKS

Every student must have a book that meets AR reading level requirements in his or her backpack every day. Failure to have a book for AR reading time will result in detention. AR tests are to be taken before school, at lunch time, and after school. 10% of every students' English grade is based on AR goal achievement.

P.E. UNIFORMS

Wearing P.E. clothes is required. The P.E. uniform consists of black shorts and a gray shirt. Bidwell Junior High School logo T-Shirt and BJHS logo black gym shorts can be purchased any time during the school year at the student payment window. Students may wear black shorts and a grey t-shirt of their own choosing subject to the P.E. teacher's approval. P.E. uniforms may not be worn throughout the school day.

BICYCLES

Lock your bike. **The school assumes no responsibility for the bicycles that are damaged or stolen.** You are encouraged to lock a wheel plus the frame to the bike rack for maximum security. You need to get off the bike at the stop sign marked on the blacktop outside the maintenance shop and walk your bicycle into the bike rack. If you are entering from North Avenue, dismount your bicycles and walk through the crosswalk at the northwest end of the campus. Bicycles are not to be taken into any other area of the campus. Do not leave bicycles in the racks overnight.

SKATEBOARDS/SCOOTERS

Locking towers for skateboards/scooters are available in front of the school next to the main office. You must provide your own lock. Skateboards and/or scooters are **NOT** to be ridden **ANYWHERE** on campus, the adjoining sidewalks or the PV Recreation Center parking lot. They may not be taken from class to class during the school day.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

These items (which include iPods, mp3 players, cell phones, cameras, etc.) are sources of class disturbances and thefts can occur. Laser pointers are never allowed on campus. **If these items are seen or heard they will be confiscated** and given to the Assistant Principal to be held until the end of the day. The first offense will result in a detention, while the second offense will result in a Saturday school. **Parents will be required to pick up offending items from the office.**

Special Note: Though cell phones may be brought to school, they **must remain out of sight in students' backpack or pocket and off at all times from the time the first passing bell rings until the school day is over.**



ENERGY DRINKS/SODA

The general rule in regards to energy drinks and soda is that if you cannot buy the item at school, you should not bring it to school. Students with energy drinks or soda will be asked to dispose of the remaining contents and recycle the can/bottle.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Occasionally it is necessary for a guest teacher to serve for a member of the staff. The substitute teacher is a guest of our school, and will be treated accordingly. We will regard any referral from a guest teacher as defiance. Detention, Saturday school, in school or out-of-school suspension will be assigned.

STUDENT APPEARANCE (or how you can dress for success!)

Student dress has been shown to influence behavior and the learning environment. It is expected that all students shall wear clothes that are clean, neat, appropriate, safe and not disruptive to the teaching and learning process. Students wearing inappropriate attire or items, as determined by school staff, will be asked to change into appropriate school attire. Please keep the following in mind:

Students are expected to dress appropriately for school. This means your appearance should not attract undue attention or infringe on the safety of others. Please keep the following in mind: Teachers and administrators get to make the final decision.

- Any hairstyle, clothing, jewelry, or make-up that distracts others from learning is not appropriate. Any accessory, such as, thick chains, hanging chains/straps, safety pins, dog collars, items with spikes, or those with potentially dangerous or have inappropriate uses are prohibited.
 - Sunglasses must be removed upon request and while indoors.
 - Hats are intended for the protection from the sun. They may not be worn indoors. The bill of the hat must be worn forward.
 - The wearing of clothing and/or adornment that advertises or otherwise promotes the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, sexual innuendos or gang involvement is prohibited on school grounds and at school activities on or off campus.
 - Clothing or other items related to gangs are not permitted on campus at any time. This includes printed symbolic messages, bandanas, or other articles that communicate gang affiliation as determined by the Chico Police Department Gang Task Force.
 - Shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes with wheels, or slippers are not allowed at any time.
 - Tops must be appropriately modest, and not reveal the midriff (stomach). Tank tops, undershirts and sport jerseys with enlarged armholes need a T-Shirt worn under them.
 - Pants may not sag or be excessively baggy and underwear may not be showing.
 - Shorts, skirts, and dresses with slits must adequately cover the body. They must be of reasonable length that shall be defined as no shorter than the end of the finger tips when the arm of the student is held straight down. On dresses with slits, the top of the slits must also conform to the length rule. Spandex may be worn under shorts or skirts, but must also meet fingertip rules.
 - **No Writing** on clothing, hats, backpacks, and other school materials or skin (permanent or temporary) which is distracting, crude, vulgar, profane, sexually suggestive, racially, ethnically, or religiously intolerant, or promotes use of drugs, alcohol, or is gang affiliated.

DANCE INFORMATION AND EXPECTATIONS

- Bidwell dances are for Bidwell students only. Guests are not allowed.
- Dances begins at 6:30 and end at 8:30. Students may not arrive late unless pre-approval has been given. After a student arrives at the dance, he/she must stay inside the dance until 8:30. If a student must leave early, his/her parent must pick them up from the main entrance. Students should have rides home planned prior to the dance.
 - While attending the dance, students are encouraged to dance (in appropriate ways), socialize with friends, enjoy the music and snacks and have a fun time. Students should refrain from running, rough housing, or dancing provocatively. Students failing to meet the behavioral expectations may be warned, or asked to refrain from certain activities. If the undesired behavior continues, students will be asked to call home to arrange for a ride home and may be uninvited from future dances.
 - Students with overdue school library book(s) may lose dance attendance privileges.
 - Students who have been assigned either in-school or out-of-school suspension since the last dance may lose dance attendance privileges.

GUM

Gum is never allowed on campus and will result in detention. Repeated infractions will result in Saturday School.

STUDENT BODY CARDS

All students will be provided a picture I.D. card. An ASB sticker may be purchased at the beginning of the school year. An ASB sticker entitles you to get into Bidwell's club-sport events, dances, buy yearbooks and other items during the school year at a reduced price. Another advantage of having an ASB sticker is for discounted admission to high school sports events.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Clubs are developed and chartered by students. If you want to start a club, you will need a faculty advisor to oversee the organization. Some clubs that we have at Bidwell include: California Jr. Scholarship Federation, Chess Club, Asian Club, M.E.Ch.A., and Games Club. Additional clubs may be formed at any time during the school year. See the Activities Director for further information.

BJHS CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE POLICY

VIOLATIONS & POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES

The Principal, Assistant Principal or Teacher-in-Charge will use his or her discretion in dealing with violations of behavioral expectations and/or Education Code. Consequences include, but are not limited to: Conference with student, conference with parent and student, lunch detention, after-school detention, campus service, Saturday school, In-School Suspension (ISS), suspension, referral to law enforcement and a recommendation for expulsion.

CHEATING – Cheating is defined as submitting work that is not your own. This can be plagiarizing from an outside source, or copying work from another student.

FIGHTING – Fighting on or off campus is not tolerated. Fights rarely begin when the first punch is thrown. In order to prevent a fight from happening, do what you can before punches are thrown to involve school authorities – talk to your teacher, a counselor, campus supervisor or administrator. A pupil who aids or abets, as defined in Section 31 of the Penal Code, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person may be subject to suspension

Some examples of Section 31 of the Penal Code:

- Encouraging a fight – spreading word
- Attending a fight
- Filming a fight
- Passing along a threat

THEFT – Includes taking items that are not yours, or being in possession of stolen items.

SMOKING/POSSESSION OF TOBACCO – Students who bring tobacco products to school, will be referred to an anti-smoking counseling group in addition to disciplinary consequences.

NO Smoking Devices - Smoking devices (examples: e-cigarettes, Hookah pens, vapor pens) are strictly prohibited at all times on the Bidwell campus. Violation of this policy will be treated the same as smoking, selling, or being in possession of tobacco.

DAMAGING SCHOOL PROPERTY – The student will be responsible for the cost of replacing or restoring the damaged property.

WEAPONS OR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES – Any item that can be used to harm, incapacitate, or intimidate other students can be considered a weapon. These items should never be brought to school.

DRUGS: POSSESSION OR USE OF DRUGS – Being under the influence of a controlled substance (including alcohol) or being in possession of a controlled substance is not only unsafe, it is punishable by law.

DRUGS: SALE OF DRUGS – Students attempting or offering to sell drugs on campus will be recommended for expulsion.

HAZING/BULLYING/THREATENING RUMORS – These types of behavior, which include intimidation tactics towards victims or witnesses, have no place at school. All complaints of being bullied, hazed or threatened will be taken seriously and dealt with appropriately.

RACIAL SLURS OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT – Hate language or behavior meant to disturb, annoy, put down, offend, or degrade others is not tolerated at Bidwell Junior High. All complaints of this nature will be taken seriously and dealt with appropriately.

LEAVING CAMPUS WITHOUT PERMISSION – After arriving at school, including on late start Wednesdays, students must stay on campus until the end of the school day.

LITTERING – Students are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their immediate area before school, during class, at lunch and after school.

TARDIES – Students are expected to be in their seats with classroom materials ready when the tardy bell rings. Detention will be assigned for each tardy. Repeated infractions will result in Saturday School.