



Behavior Intervention

All teachers have a clear Student Behavior Management system in place. When measures in the classroom fail to correct inappropriate behavior, students are referred to administration or counseling. A referral slip must be sent with the student when referred to the office. The following is a list of consequences that students may face as a result of an office referral.

DETENTION

Students may be assigned detention for inappropriate behavior—as determined by the school official.

Most detentions are assigned during the lunch time. **However, students may be detained up to one (1) hour on any given school day (Calif. Admin. Code Title 5, Sec. 353).** If students do not attend the assigned detention, they will be assigned *additional detention days, Saturday School, or In-School Suspension (ISS)*. Detention may be rescheduled due to absence, illness, medical appointments, or a family emergency.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS)

Education Code violations may trigger an In-School Suspension (ISS) referral. This program is typically used for no more than one full school day and separates students from the social aspects of campus while still allowing them the opportunity to stay caught up on their classwork.

- ISS is located on the Bidwell Junior High campus.
- ISS runs from 8:10 a.m. – 2:40 p.m. on all days that students are assigned.
- Home suspension may be assigned if administration determines that an ISS referral is inappropriate.

ACADEMY FOR CHANGE (AFC)

AFC is one of the district's alternative education programs, located on the Fair View campus. AFC houses two programs: one for 2- to 5-day ISS referrals and another for students who have been expelled from their previous schools. Students committing one or more Education Code violations may be suspended to AFC for 2 to 5 days of ISS. Under these circumstances, students' parents or guardians must take them to AFC to enroll in ISS. Students that do not have work to bring with them should complete the packet of work assigned to them and bring it with them when they return to Bidwell. Bidwell teachers will award students credit for that work completed in lieu of classwork that would have been completed at Bidwell (Education Code 48911.1 c 3-4). Students serving suspensions at home are more likely to fall behind in their classwork than if they were to serve the suspension at AFC.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Saturday School is available 1-2 Saturdays per month at Bidwell Junior High School. Saturday School begins at 7:55 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. Saturday school is assigned for attendance issues, truancy, cell phone infractions, minor/repeated behavior issues, detention no-shows or at the discretion of administration. All students must arrive on time, submit a signed parent acknowledgement form, and bring four hours of work. Failure to attend Saturday School may result in an *ISS referral*.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER REFERRALS

Substitute teachers are guests at our school, and will be treated accordingly. Any referral from a guest teacher will trigger a *Detention, Saturday School, or ISS referral*.

STUDENT DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS

“The CUSD Board of Education believes that appropriate dress and grooming contributes to a productive learning environment,” (BP/AR 5132). The Governing Board expects all students to wear clothes that are clean, neat, appropriate, safe, and non-disruptive to the teaching and learning process. Students wearing inappropriate attire or items, as determined by school staff tasked with enforcing the dress code, will be asked to change into appropriate school attire. Per Board Policy, school *staff* will make the final decision as to whether or not a student is in violation of the *district* dress code:

- Any hairstyle, clothing, jewelry, or make-up that distracts others from learning is not appropriate. Accessories with potentially dangerous or inappropriate uses are prohibited.
- Sunglasses, hats, and hoods must be removed upon request and while indoors to ensure appropriate eye-contact.
- 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 as determined by school staff 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 articles that communicate gang affiliation as determined by the Chico Police Department Gang Task Force.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes determined to be unsafe (e.g. with wheels) are not allowed at any time.
- Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal areas of the body commonly regarded as “private”.
- Pants may not sag below the waistline and underwear/undershorts may not be showing. Dresses with slits must adequately cover the body.
- **No Writing** on clothing, hats, backpacks, and other school materials or skin (permanent or temporary) that is distracting, crude, vulgar, profane, sexually suggestive, racially, ethnically or religiously intolerant, or promotes the use of drugs, alcohol, or gang affiliation, is allowed.

Dress Code violations are handled as discreetly and consistently as possible. Staff will notify administration who will assess the situation and address the issue during non-instructional time whenever possible:

1. The student is directed to refrain from wearing that article of clothing to school in the future.
2. The student changes or removes the article in question and parent contact is made.
3. Repeated dress code offenses may result in detention and/or Saturday School.

CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONICS

- While cell phones may be brought to school, they **must remain in students’ backpacks and off at all times from the time the first passing bell rings until the school day is over.**
- Air pods/earbuds are not allowed to be worn in classrooms without teacher permission and should also remain in students’ backpacks until the school day is over.
- Portable speakers are not allowed at school.
- Students may not use phones or watches without adult permission to call home even if not feeling well. Doing so will result in a detention. If students need to call home, they may do so in the office or health office.
- **A violation may result in the item being confiscated and turned in to the office, the item will be returned at the end of the school day.**
 1. **Detention** will be assigned.
 2. Repeated offenses may result in **Saturday School** being assigned.

UNEXCUSED TARDY POLICY

If a student is late for school or any class during the day, the student must report to the attendance office.

- 1 unexcused tardy = 1 *detention*
- Saturday School may be assigned for chronic tardiness

CHROMEBOOKS

Students are expected to bring their CUSD-issued Chromebooks, fully-charged, to school each day. If they do not, they may be assigned detention. If this becomes a chronic issue, Saturday School may be assigned. During school hours, students may only use Chromebooks in classrooms at staff discretion, the MPR, and outside tables.

ENERGY DRINKS AND SODA

Students with energy drinks or soda will be asked to dispose of the remaining contents and recycle the container.

OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINK

Please do not bring students outside food and drink: they pose an unnecessary distraction and contribute to a general sense of disorder during an already busy time of day. Students are welcome to bring school-appropriate lunches and snacks with them from home. If you drop off food or drink at the main office, we will not deliver it to your student nor will we run a pass for them—it's just not practical at a school of 1,000 students. Doordash or other deliveries are not allowed.

CAMPUS SUPERVISION

Students who arrive on campus before 7:45 a.m. must report to BLAST. Before school starts, all students must stay in the following designated supervised areas south of the 400 wing: BLAST room(s), MPR, covered area, courtyard, basketball courts, and the field. The library and tech lab are open for student use at 7:45 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and at 8:15 a.m. on late start Wednesdays.

Students are also required to leave campus by 2:50 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. By 3:00 p.m., all students waiting for a ride must move to the bus area.

CLOSED CAMPUS REGULATIONS

Students are not to leave the campus once they 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*.

STUDENT 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 school 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 an AR book in his or her backpack every day. Failure to have a book for AR reading time may result in *detention*.

P.E. UNIFORMS

Wearing P.E. clothes is required. Bidwell Junior High School logo t-shirt and BJHS logo black gym shorts may be purchased at any time during the school year at the Student Store in Room 406A. Students may wear black shorts and a gray 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.

- If students do not have their PE uniform on any given day they will be provided with clean loaners
- If students do not get loaners and wear school clothes to class (suit cut), it will result in half credit for the day
- 3 suit cuts in one semester will result in further interventions/consequences (detention)

BICYCLES

Students must lock their bikes. **The school assumes no responsibility for bicycles that are damaged or stolen.** Students are encouraged to lock a wheel in addition to the frame to the bike rack for maximum security. Students must dismount bikes at the stop sign marked on the blacktop outside the maintenance shop and walk their bikes into the bike rack. If they are entering from North Avenue, dismount bikes 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. Students must provide their own lock. Skateboards and/or scooters are **NOT** to be ridden **anywhere** on campus, as well as on the adjoining sidewalks or the PV Recreation Center parking lot. They may not be taken from class to class during the school day.

PDA

Public Displays of Affection are not allowed on campus at any time: kissing, cuddling, groping, etc.

GUM

Gum is not allowed on campus and may result in detention. Repeated infractions may result in detention and/or *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 students to discounts on tickets to Bidwell's club sport events, dances, and other items during the school year. Another advantage of purchasing an ASB sticker is discounted admission to high school sporting events.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Clubs are developed and chartered by students. If a student wishes to start a club, they will need a faculty advisor to oversee the organization. Some clubs that are active at Bidwell include the California Jr. Scholarship Federation, Chess Club, Multicultural Club, and Games Club. Additional clubs may be formed at any time during the school year. See the Activities Director in room 408 for further information.

BJHS CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE POLICY

VIOLATIONS & POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES

The Principal, or his designee will use his or her discretion in dealing with school rules and Education Code violations. Potential consequences include, but are not limited to, the following options:

Conference with student, conference with parent and student, lunch detention, after-school detention, campus service, Saturday School, In-School Suspension (ISS), home suspension, AFC suspension, referral to law enforcement, and a recommendation for expulsion.

CHEATING

Cheating is defined as submitting work that is not your own and/or assisting another student in doing so: examples include plagiarizing from an outside source, copying work from another student, and/or helping students submit work they know to not be their own. Students caught cheating will be 'flagged' in Aeries for an *Academic Integrity violation*.

FIGHTING

Fighting on or off campus is not tolerated. Fights typically begin long before 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 are as follows:

- 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 constitutes being in possession of drug paraphernalia (Education Code 48900 j) and is subject to disciplinary action.

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 and against school policy, 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. Students who leave campus without permission may be assigned *Saturday School*.

LITTERING

Students are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their immediate area before school, during class, at lunch, and after school. Students whose eating areas are left a mess can expect to be assigned campus beautification detail as well as being assigned to a designated eating area—regardless of who, specifically, in the group was responsible for the mess.

VISITOR POLICIES

All visitors, including parents/guardians, are to sign in at the Main Office and obtain a visitor sticker. Any visitors without a sticker will be directed to the main office to sign in and receive visitor identification. For safety reasons, students wishing to contact parents/guardians via telephone must do so through the main office. Students leaving campus with a parent/guardian must be signed out through the main office.

Parents/guardians should refrain from drop-in visits with their students (e.g. delivering birthday balloons, PE clothes, outside food or drink, etc.). All visits should be pre-arranged with teachers and administration, and meetings may take place in the counseling office, if necessary (CUSD Board Policy 6116).

Administration will contact teachers regarding a drop-in visitor request. This practice allows the teacher the opportunity to refuse the visitor if it will be too disruptive to the class.



Bidwell Junior High School Dance Information & Rules



The following rules have been developed because they help all students, staff, and chaperones to bring out the best in one another while enjoying a fun evening together:

1. The dances are a privilege for Bidwell students only.
2. Bidwell dances are held from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. We will not allow a student into the dance after 7:00 pm unless the student is given pre-approval.
3. Although walking to the dance is permitted, we encourage parents to drop their children off rather than allow them to walk. Students in the past have been known to take detours between home and the dance, and not all of these detours are safe.
4. Parents **MUST** pick up their student(s) at 8:30 pm. If a student is not picked up by 8:45 pm, the student may not be allowed to attend the next dance. Parents must be available by phone in the event of an emergency. For safety reasons, we discourage students from riding their bicycles to any dance.
5. When students arrive at the dance, they must enter the dance and stay inside until the dance is over or until their parent comes to pick them up. If a student leaves early, the parent must come to the door to get him/her because there will not be supervision in the parking lot while the dance is in session.
6. Students are encouraged to dance, chat with friends, enjoy the music and enjoy snacks from the concession stand. Students may not run, roughhouse or dance inappropriately. There is no promiscuous or provocative dancing allowed. All violators will receive one warning. Repeat offenders may be instructed to call their parents for a ride home. They may be banned from the next school dance or banned from attending any dances at Bidwell for the rest of the school year.
7. School dances are for students to socialize with their peers. The expectation is for everyone to have fun and be safe. Students may be ineligible to attend the school dance if they have been subject to disciplinary action since the last dance. Concession items, including food and drink, are not allowed in the gym.
8. Students are expected to comply with directions of teachers and parent chaperones.
9. Students are expected to adhere to the regular school dress code. Students who are not following school policy will be instructed to call home to arrange for a change of attire.
10. Students who do not adhere to the aforementioned rules may be banned from the next dance or banned from attending any dances at Bidwell for the rest of the year.

We hope your children will join us at our dances this year.

We welcome parents to all dances to help chaperone and supervise.

We appreciate your cooperation with our dance expectations to keep the dances safe & fun!