

The Board of Trustees of each school district shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To fix the days of the year and the hours of the day when schools shall be in session. However:

- a) Each school district shall annually adopt and implement a school calendar which provides its students at each grade level with the following minimum number of instructional hours:

Grades	Hours
9-12	990
4-8	900
1-3	810
K	450

- b) School assemblies, testing and other instructionally related activities involving students directly may be included in the required instructional hours.
- c) When approved by a local school board, annual instructional hour requirements stated in paragraph (a) may be reduced as follows:
 - (1) Up to a total of twenty-two (22) hours to accommodate staff development activities.
 - (2) Up to a total of eleven (11) hours of emergency school closures due to adverse weather conditions and facility failures. However, transportation to and from school, passing times between classes, non instructional recess and lunch periods shall not be included.
- d) Student and staff activities related to the opening and closing of the school year, grade reporting, program planning, staff meetings, and other classroom and building management activities shall not be counted as instructional time or in the reductions provided in paragraph (c) (1).
- e) For Multiple shift programs, this rule applies to each shift (i.e., each student must have access to the minimum annual required hours of instructions).
- f) The instructional time requirement for grade 12 students may be reduced by action of a local school board for an amount of time not to exceed eleven (11) hours of instructional time.

- g) The state superintendent of public instruction may grant an exemption from the provisions of this section for a individual building within a district, when closure of that building, for unforeseen circumstances, does not affect the attendance of other buildings within the district.
2. To adopt and carry on, and provide for the financing of, a total educational program for the district. Such programs in other than elementary school districts may include education programs for out-of-school youth and adults; and such districts may provide classes in kindergarten.
3. To provide, or require pupils to be provided with, suitable textbooks and supplies, and for advice on textbook selections may appoint a textbook adoption committee as provided in section 33-512A, Idaho Code;
4. To protect the morals and health of the pupils;
5. To exclude from school, children not of school age;
6. To prescribe rules for the disciplining of unruly or insubordinate pupils, such rules to be included in a district discipline code adopted by the Board of Trustees and a summarized version thereof to be provided in writing at the beginning of each school year to the teachers and students in the district in a manner consistent with the student's age, grade and level of academic achievement;
7. To exclude from school, pupils with contagious or infectious diseases who are diagnosed or suspected as having a contagious or infectious disease or those who are not immune and have been exposed to a contagious or infectious disease; and to close school on order of the state board of health or local health authorities;
8. To equip and maintain a suitable library or libraries in the school or schools and to exclude therefrom, and from the schools, all books, contracts, papers, and catechisms of sectarian nature;
9. To determine school holidays. Any listing of school holidays shall include not less than the following: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Other days listed in Section 73-108, Idaho Code, if the same shall fall on a school day, shall be observed with appropriate ceremonies; and any days the state board of education may designate, following the proclamation by the governor, shall be school holidays.
10. To erect and maintain on each schoolhouse or school grounds a suitable flagstaff, and display thereon the flag of the United States of America on all days, except during the inclement weather, when the school is in session.

11. Each school in session on Veteran’s Day will conduct and observe an appropriate program for at least one class period remembering and honoring American veterans.
12. A day during the month of April in each year, designated as Arbor Day, will be observed by such exercises as will encourage the planting, preservation, and protection of trees and shrubs.
13. To prohibit entrance to each schoolhouse or school grounds, to prohibit loitering in schoolhouses or on school grounds and to provide for the removal from each schoolhouse or school grounds of any individual or individuals who disrupt the educational processes or whose presence is detrimental to the morals, health, safety, academic learning or discipline of the pupils. A person who disrupts the educational process or whose presence is detrimental to the morals, health, safety, academic learning or discipline of the pupils or who loiters in schoolhouses or on school grounds, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
14. To supervise and regulate, including by contract with established entities, those extra-curricular activities which are by definition outside of or in addition to the regular academic courses or curriculum of a public school, and which extra-curricular activities shall not be considered to be a property, liberty or contract right of any student, and such extra-curricular activities shall not be deemed a necessary element of a public school education, but shall be considered to be a privilege.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections 33-512
33-1606

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