

Category: 8000 - STUDENTS	Policy Number: 8160
Policy Title: Placement of Students at Independence High School	Effective Date: May 15, 2007

Students meeting Idaho State At-Risk standards may be recommended for placement at Independence High School upon determination that such placement is in their best interest. In addition to the student's behavior, their academic progress, his/her student learning plan, personal and social development, treatment plans, and other appropriate issues will be considered.

To qualify, students must meet any three of the first 5 criteria or any one of criteria numbers 6 - 11.

1. Repeated a grade
2. Has absenteeism over 10%
3. Has a GPA less than 1.5
4. Failed a basic skill subject
5. Has fallen behind two (2) or more credits
6. Has a substance abuse behavior problem
7. Became a parent or is pregnant
8. Became an emancipated student
9. Dropped out of school
10. For behavior problems (with explanation)
11. Has been court referred

To Earn Needed Credits:

Students may request the opportunity to attend summer school or Snake River High School may refer students to Independence High School for summer sessions to earn needed credits. They will need an Independence High School Referral Form with a parent/guardian signature and an administrator or counselor signature. They must also agree to meet Independence High School's entry and attendance requirements.

For Disruptive Students:

A disruptive student is a student whose behavior:

- 1) poses a threat to the physical or emotional safety of the student, other students, or school personnel;
or
- 2) Is consistently disruptive or inappropriate in the regular school environment; or
- 3) Has a history of multiple suspensions and/or expulsion.

The evaluation and determination to place the disruptive student in the alternative school will be made by the school administration and other school personnel knowledgeable of the student's behavior and educational performance, as well as the student and his/her parent/guardian and a designee from Independence High School.

- With a First Referral, a student cannot apply for readmission to this high school until they have completed a minimum of one full trimester/semester at Independence Alternative High School.
- With a Second Referral, a student cannot apply for readmission to this high school until they have completed a minimum of one full school year at Independence Alternative High School.
- With a Third Referral/Extreme Behavior, a student cannot apply for readmission to this high school without the consent of the superintendent of schools, the administration of the high school, and the director of Independence High School.

Reference: Policy 6127, "Graduation Requirements"
Policy 8070, "Code of Conduct"
Policy 8646, "Expulsion/Denial of Attendance"
Form: "Independence Alternative High School Referral Form"