

A thorough system of public schools in Idaho has been defined by the Idaho Legislature as one in which the skills necessary to communicate effectively are taught. Accordingly, communication skills enabling students to be responsible citizens of their homes, schools, and communities will be emphasized throughout the curriculum. The teaching and demonstrating of effective communication skills will be exemplified throughout this district’s educational program.

Each year, age-appropriate classroom, school, and community activities will be provided to all students for the purpose of developing written and oral communication skills with individuals and groups. Good listening skills are a critical component of the communication process.

In this district, written and oral communication will be incorporated into the curriculum for all subject matters and at all grade levels. Each teacher will utilize appropriate communication skills in the classroom and will provide an opportunity for students to practice communication skills by writing, speaking, listening, and small group interaction. The student’s development of written and oral communication skills will be a component of the teacher’s assessment of the student’s progress, as appropriate for the subject matter.

Teachers will identify in their lesson plans and/or course overview how communication will be emphasized and assessed in their classes.

Every year, each school in this district will develop at least one age-appropriate school and community activity for all students to develop written and oral communication skills with individuals and groups. Such activities will be approved by the school principal and may include, but are not limited to: speech and essay contests, round table discussions, school newspapers, student radio or video programs, fundraising, interviewing community members and reporting results to class, talent show, etc. The principal or designee will document how the requirements for providing school and community communication development activities are accomplished.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code §33-1612 – Thorough System of Public Schools  
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