

Rainier School District Newsletter



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1st Grade Through 12th Grade

September 3, 2024

Kindergarten and Preschool

September 6, 2024

Annual K-12 Open House and Picnic

August 28, 2024

4:30pm to 5:30pm Open House at all schools!

5:30pm to 6:30pm Picnic Time! Buildings are closed!

Parents, students and staff meet at the football field for a picnic.

This free event is sponsored by the Rainier School District.

6:30pm to 7:30pm Open House continues at all schools!



RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT

“Home of the Cougars, Mountain Lions, and Mountaineers”

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

Welcome back to the 2024/2025 school year! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and joyful summer break. As we begin this new academic year, I am filled with excitement and optimism for what we can accomplish together.

Vision Statement:

The best education for every student, every day, every way.

Our primary focus this year is to ensure that every student feels supported, valued, and empowered to succeed.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our community for your unwavering support through the Levy and the Capital Levy that you endorsed in February. Your commitment has made a significant impact on our schools, and we couldn't be more thankful.

Thanks to your support, we've been able to complete several important projects over the summer, including:

1. Installing fencing around the Elementary school, new fencing around the drain field, and additional fencing around the school and playground.
2. Upgrading safety with new video cameras throughout the entire School District.
3. Implementing keyless entry systems across all district buildings.
4. Installing new controls for HVAC systems at the High School.
5. Adding new roof flashing at the Elementary School.
6. Replacing parts for the fire system at the High School.
7. Replacing broken parts on the playground equipment at the Elementary.

These are just a few of the enhancements we've made this summer, alongside the regular maintenance work to keep our buildings in top shape.

We are also excited to invite everyone to our School Open House and Community BBQ Hot Dog Feed on August 28, 2024. Open House is 4:30 to 5:30, Hot Dog BBQ is at 5:30 to 6:30 and Open House again from 6:30 to 7:30. This event will be a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, connect, and celebrate the start of a new school year.

Your support has been instrumental in these improvements, and we are deeply appreciative. Together, we will continue to create a safe, supportive, and empowering environment for every student. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

With gratitude and support,

Thanks,
Bryon

Bryon Bahr
Superintendent
Rainier School District

Welcome New Staff

Rainier School District would like to welcome our new staff!

Elementary: Kaitlyn Clary—Kindergarten
Jo Foley—1st Grade

Middle School: Dominic Luciani—English Language Art

High School: Kyle Johnson—MS/HS CTE Shop
Michael McGuire—Counselor

Maintenance: Gregory Whittaker—Maintenance/Transportation Mechanic

Transportation: Ronald Lazara—Bus Driver

School Nurse: Joanna Shore

Food and Nutrition Services

Welcome Back!

We are excited to announce that all students at Rainier Elementary School will still be receiving Free Meals. All students at our elementary school will qualify for both breakfast and lunch for the 2024-2025 school year.

We still need to collect Free and Reduced application for all our students in the Rainier School District. Free and Reduced Price applications are now available at your child's school and online. A new application is required each school year. We will process your application within 10 working days and notify you of your meal benefits. Since benefits are good for the first 30 operating days of school, if you received free or reduced price meals last school year, you will continue until your new application is processed. New applications need to be in by October 4, 2024

Our meal prices are as follows:

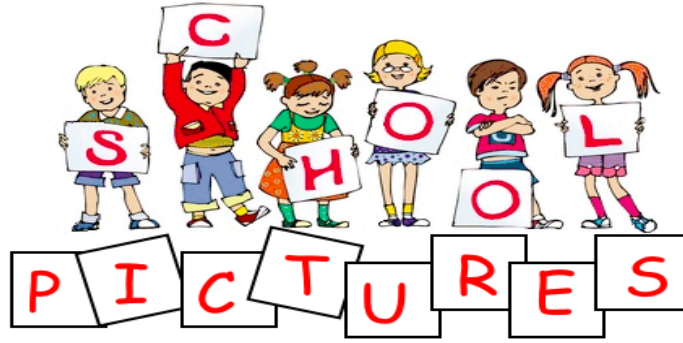
Rainier Middle and High School —Breakfast \$2.10 Lunch—\$3.85

Additional Entrée Lunch—\$2.00 Milk only: 50 cents

Just a reminder for students on the free and reduced price program that bring a lunch from home and wish to have milk and for those what wish to have a second milk with their school lunch, the cost for milk is 50 cents.

Parents are now able to check lunch account balances on-line. This is a great way to assure that students have enough money in their lunch accounts. Family Access link is located on the district website. Please make sure you deposit money in your child's account to begin the school year. Middle and high school students may have money in hand on the first day of school.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Turnmire at turnmirej@rainier.wednet.edu



KIDS Photography will be taking pictures on the following days:

September 16th for the Middle School and High School
 September 17th for Elementary (Preschool-5th Grade)

Mural Honors RHS State Champions

Thank you to Rita Meldrum and Erin Marvin for being inspired to share the accomplishments of RHS students with our amazing community.
 The mural showcases the names of State Champions in Track & Field and Wrestling.





Rainier High School Mountaineers

Principal John Beckman

(360) 446-2206

Fax (360)446-2208

Dean of Students Kristin Robinson

Rainier High School 24-25 ASB Officers



Executive Board for 2024-2025

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2024-2025 Cheerleaders!



Denaliann Blizzard
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Peyton Thomas
Josie Grager
Hollyann Covington
Marian Jackson
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Coach-Mariah Frost



Yearbook Information

Seniors

We need the following:

1. Senior Photo
2. Baby Photo
3. Quote (must be school appropriate)

See Senior Photo Handout for more information

Due to Ms. Dickerson by January 6, 2025

Freshmen - Juniors

- The photos for the people section of the yearbook are taken by a professional photographer in September and retakes are in October.
- If you miss the professional photographer, we can take a photo of you to place in the yearbook. You will need to contact Ms. Dickerson before **February 1, 2025** in order to have your photo in the yearbook.

Purchasing a Yearbook

All yearbook sales are online at yearbookforever.com. There is a link on the school website. You may also personalize your book at the time of purchase.

Questions:

Contact:

Ms. Dickerson at dickersons@rainier.wednet.edu

Mrs. Rossmailer at rossmaiers@rainier.wednet.edu

Cost for Senior Ads

1/8 Page Ad
\$30
Includes 1 pic-
ture, name and
text

1/4 Page Ad
May be vertical or hori-
zontal
\$50
Includes 2-3 pictures,
name and text

1/2 Page Ad
May be vertical or
horizontal
\$80
Includes 4-5 pic-
tures, name and
text

Full Page Ad is also available for \$150. Includes name, 5-8 photos and text.

Yearbook Senior Pictures and Ads are due by January 6th to Ms. Dickerson

Senior Picture vs Senior Ad

We have two areas in the yearbook dedicated to seniors. The first section is the senior pictures in the People section. These pictures are included for free. The students in charge of this section will contact ALL seniors to let them know what pictures (senior and/or baby), signature, quote, etc. they will be including. The second section is the Senior Ads. This is a special section in the back of the book where friends and family can purchase space to send their graduating senior a special message to say congratulations and good luck. The space for the Senior Ad does cost money since this is a fundraiser to help us pay for the cost of the yearbooks. The prices and specifications for the Senior Ads can be found on the other side of this page. You may contact the high school office or myself (Samantha Dickerson) if you have any questions or would like to purchase an ad.

Specifications for Senior Pictures:

Hard copy is acceptable (we will scan it and return it to you). Digital format preferred—may be sent to dickersons@rainier.wednet.edu

Portrait or vertical photos are preferred. If you send in a landscape or horizontal photo, it may have to be cropped to fit the space allocated for each senior picture.

Sitting or standing poses only... remember YOU are the focus of the photograph, not your pet, car, truck, etc. Your face MUST be visible in the photo.

No words or inappropriate symbols on clothing please!

Yearbook vs Slide Show

The senior picture for the yearbook is DIFFERENT from the senior picture for the graduation slide show. The yearbook picture(s) needs to be sent to Ms. Dickerson and the slide show picture(s) needs to go to Mr. Henry. Please do NOT assume that by sending the picture to one that it will get to the other. You may use the same pictures for both the yearbook and slide show or they may be different, but a copy needs to be sent to BOTH Ms. Dickerson and Mr. Henry in order to be included in both the yearbook and slide show.

If you are not able to send the yearbook staff a senior picture, we will either (1) use your KIDS Photography (ASB) photo or (2) a staff member will take a senior photo for you.

Please make sure to turn your picture in on time in order to make it in the yearbook. The yearbook company sets the deadline and we are not about to move it or miss it and get the books back in time.

Rainier School District #307

Superintendent: Bryon Bahr

Board of Directors:

Chairperson Jerry Sprouffske, Rebecca Stillings,
Amanda Siemandel, Dana Spivey and Edgar Ooms

Volunteers of Rainier School District

Rainier School District, in keeping with state law, requires a Washington State Patrol background check on all volunteers. If you would like to volunteer in your child's school, chaperone a field trip or a dance, you must fill out the volunteer form, background questionnaire and Volunteer Protocols (RES volunteers). Please return forms to your child's school or the district office. Please allow at least two weeks for the background check.

All adults must have a background check each year and it must be on file before volunteering!

Out of District Students

Students living out of the Rainier School District borders must complete an Inter-District Transfer **EVERY YEAR**. Please contact the school district you live in to start the paperwork for the 2024-2025 school year.

Returning out of district students will not be assigned classes until this paperwork is completed.

Important Phone Numbers

District Office: 360-446-2207

Transportation: 360-446-2209

Elementary School: 360-446-4020

Middle School: 360-446-2206

High School: 360-446-2205

Food Service: 360-446-2207/360-446-9133

Special Education: 360-446-7406

Asbestos Management

Rainier School District is required to inform the public about asbestos in the schools annually. Rainier has an asbestos management plan that is kept at the District Office and can be view Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 3:30pm.

The district designated person can be contacted at the Rainier Maintenance Office at (360)-446-7403.

Child Find

Rainier School District is committed to addressing the unique needs of students with disabilities ages Birth through 21 residing within the boundaries of the Rainier School District. This includes children with disabilities enrolled in private, including religious schools, as well as children who are homeless (if your family is living in a temporary situation, you may contact the district where you are currently staying for a screening). Disabilities can be in any one of several areas that ultimately affect a child's learning, such as the ability to think, to express oneself, to see or hear clearly, to get around or understand instructions given.

Birth to 5 children have access to free developmental assessment. Areas could include:

- approaches to learning
- physical/motor
- social/emotional
- cognitive
- communication and language
- literacy
- math/numeracy
- sensory function
- temperament
- behavior
- specific disabilities such as autism

If you have a child who you think might have a disability requiring special education instruction or significant accommodations at school or if you know of such a child, please feel free to contact the Rainier School District Special Education Office at 360-446-7406 ext 1210 or P.O. Box 98, Rainier, WA 98576.

Nurse's Corner

Students who have life threatening health conditions are required by Washington State to have an emergency action plan on file before school starts.

These health conditions include such as: asthma, diabetes, seizures, anaphylaxis and other chronic conditions. Returning students need to have the paperwork that was sent out at the end of the school year, **signed by their MD and parent prior to the first day of school**. If the condition involves taking "life-saving" medications, a Medication Authorization Form will **ALSO** need to be returned. This form was mailed out at the end of the school year for you to take to your provider. If a health condition developed over the summer, a health plan is no longer needed or if you are enrolling a new student with a health condition, please contact the school before school starts or your child will not be allowed to attend school until the paperwork is returned and the medication is brought into the school. Thank you!

Career & Technical Education

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Rainier School District

Non-discrimination Policy in addition to RSD Policy 5010

Rainier School District offers career and technical education programs in Agriculture, Business, Family and Consumer Science, Robotics and Industrial Arts under its open admissions policy.

Admission to these programs is based on a desire to be in the program.

Rainier School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. For more information about CTE course offerings and admissions criteria, contact Sandra Rossmailer, 308 Second Street W in Rainier, WA 98576. Lack of English language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in career and technical education programs.

The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Kristin Robinson at the high school—PO Box 98, Rainier, WA 360-446-2205 and/or the Section 504 Coordinator John Beckman at same address and phone number.

Rainier School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational (CTE) programs.

El Distrito Escolar de Rainier School District no discrimina en sus programas o actividades por motivos de sexo, raza, credo, religión, color, origen nacional, edad, condición de veterano de guerra o grado militar, orientación sexual, expresión de género o identidad, discapacidad o uso de perro guía entrenado o animal de servicio, y ofrece igualdad de acceso a los Boy Scouts y a otros grupos de jóvenes especificados. El empleado mencionado a continuación ha sido designado para atender consultas y quejas de supuesta discriminación:

Title IX Coordinator, Kristin Robinson at the high school—PO Box 98, Rainier, WA 360-446-2205 and/or the Section 504 Coordinator John Beckman at same address and phone number.

A Safe Ride to School
Rainier School District 2024-2025

Dear Rainier Families,

I hope you had a fantastic summer. Our Transportation Department is made up of excellent people who are ready to serve our community for 2024-2025 school year. I am very proud of the job they are doing everyday. My focus remains on the safe transportation of our students, and people who love what they do, and take pride in it.

We will continue to utilize the system for supporting, tracking, and communicating student behavior on the bus. The details of this system are outlined in the following document.

I am looking forward to another exciting school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 446-2209.

Bob Marney, Transportation Supervisor

Getting Started

You can find out which bus your child should ride, or the times and location of your child's bus stop by calling our Dispatcher at 360-446-2209.

General Information

School bus routes are planned to provide the safest, most efficient and cost effective service under all weather and road conditions. Students typically ride the bus 30 to 60 minutes each way. Riding times may occasionally be longer due to unforeseen circumstances.

Students should utilize the bus stop closest to their residence. Those who need to be dropped off at a location other than their original stop must have special permission, which may be granted after the parent/guardian has notified the school office. Your student will then be given a bus pass from the office and they will need to give this pass to the driver. These bus passes are valid for one day or a specific period of time that is listed on the pass.

Video Monitoring

Starting with the 2012-2013 school year, all of the Rainier School District buses will utilize video monitoring. Any students or adults riding the bus may be recorded. This measure is taken to help ensure the safety of our students.

In the Morning

Students need to be at their designated bus stop no later than five minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. When they see the bus coming, students need to form a line starting well back from the edge of the road. Unfortunately, buses cannot wait for students who are not at the bus stop.

After School

When the school day ends, students need to go to their buses without delay. The buses will be pulling away from campus approximately 5-7 minutes after the dismissal bell rings.

Student Management

Student management procedures are designed to help ensure that each child has a safe, positive experience on our buses. Involving parents/guardians at the start of a discipline issue helps decrease the chance of more serious disciplinary problems, which may result in suspension from transportation services. Therefore, it is important that the schools have updated phone numbers for parents/guardians.

Rules and Regulations

Students are expected to follow the same general rules at bus stops and on the buses, as they are in the classroom. Students who misbehave may lose their bus riding privileges.

1. For the safety of everyone on the bus, students must comply with the directions of school personnel while riding on the bus.
2. Students must remain seated while riding on the bus.
3. Water is the only thing that students may eat or drink while riding on the bus.
4. Students may not transport balloons, glass objects, or animals on the bus.

5. Students must remain clear of the main aisle while riding on the bus.

6. Students must keep their hands, feet and heads inside the bus at all times.

7. If students are using electronic equipment while riding on the bus, it must not disrupt the driver or others.

Progressive Discipline

When students are out of compliance with the Rules and Regulations for riding on the school bus, they will receive progressive discipline according to the chart listed in Appendix A. Each instance of progressive discipline will remain on the student's record for a period of two months.

Extreme Behaviors

Certain extreme behaviors, including but not limited to the following, will result in immediate suspension from the bus.

- Refusing to comply with school personnel
- Possession or use of alcohol or drugs
- Fighting or assault of others
- Smoking or chewing tobacco
- Spitting
- Vandalism
- Possession of a weapon
- Making racist, sexist, or discriminatory remarks or actions
- Bullying

Bus Service During Bad weather

Parents/guardians need to plan for changes in bus schedules and routes during snowy/icy conditions. Changes in district operating hours or bus service are announced on the Public Schools Emergency Communication System at www.schoolreport.org and on the district website at www.rainier.wednet.edu. This same information is also broadcast to all major local television and radio stations. You can set up a custom email or text notification by visiting www.schoolreport.org and signing up for their free notification service. Every effort is made to get information out to families as soon as possible, however sometimes conditions may change. If the start of school is delayed, please check back later that morning to see if changing conditions forced the district to go ahead and close for the day.

Questions

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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| Transportation Department | 360-446-2209 |
| Rainier Elementary School | 360-446-4020 |
| Rainier Middle School | 360-446-2206 |
| Rainier High School | 360-446-2205 |
| Rainier District Office | 360-446-2207 |

Appendix A—Progressive Discipline

Verbal Warning

Driver will verbally remind the student of the rules and expectations.

Driver may choose an assigned seat.

1st Write-Up

Driver will verbally remind the student of the rules and expectations.

Principal/Transportation Supervisor will contact parents/guardian via telephone (may leave message).

A copy of the write-up will be mailed to the parent/guardian.

Driver may choose an assigned seat.

Principal may take corrective action at school.

2nd Write-Up

Driver will verbally remind the student of the rules and expectations.

Principal/Transportation Supervisor will contact parents/guardian via telephone (may leave message).

A copy of the write-up will be mailed to the parent/guardian.

Driver will choose an assigned seat.

Principal will take corrective action at school.

Suspension

Same items as above

Driver will complete video request form.

Transportation Supervisor and Principal will coordinate the length of the suspension.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible student") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record (s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parents or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. To amend a record, the parent or eligible student should write to the school principal (or appropriate official) clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request the school discloses education record without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. {NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or eligible student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.}

The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office
US Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue SW
Washington DC 20202-4605

Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act

The Rainier School District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. The Rainier School District is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices.

Questions, concerns, complaints, or requests for additional information regarding ADA may be forwarded to:

Rainier School District #307
Bryon Bahr, ADA Coordinator
PO Box 98
Rainier, Washington 98576

Individuals who need auxiliary aids for effective communication in programs or services of the Rainier School District are requested to make their needs and preferences known to the ADA Coordinator.

Parents right to information regarding their child's teacher or paraprofessional as required by Every Student Succeeds Act, for schools receiving Title I funding.

Rainier School District complies with the regulations set forth in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Title I, Part A is a federal program designed "To provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps." Title I, Part A can support early learning and Kindergarten to grade 12. Title I, Part A programs and services provide customized instruction and curricula that helps these students meet academic standards and take an active, engaged interest in what they learn and can do. As the oldest and largest federal education program, Title I, Part A programs build equity of opportunity for children whose struggles often keep them on the academic sidelines. One-third of the public schools in Washington State operate Title I, Part A programs, providing academic services to over 350,000 students annually.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) replaced No Child Left Behind (NCLB) on December 10, 2015. It is the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). ESSA will be fully operational in school year 2017-18.

Teacher/Para Qualification: Parents' Right to Know: Teacher and Paraprofessional Qualifications LEAs and schools inform the parents of Title I, Part A students that they may request, and the LEA and schools will provide, certain information on the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals providing services to the child. [ESSA Section 1112(e)(1)(A)].

Limited State Certification & Licensure: The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 requires schools who receive Title I, Part A funds to notify parents or legal guardians when their child has been taught for four consecutive weeks by a teacher who has not met state certification/licensure requirements [ESSA Section 1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)].

What qualifications must a staffer meet to be in a Title 1, Part A program? Teachers: Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), enacted on December 10, 2015, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) definition was eliminated and is no longer a federal requirement. In May, 2016, LEAs were advised to follow state certification and licensure requirements and state assignment policy to be in compliance during the transition from NCLB (No Child Left Behind) and the implementation of ESSA. This requirement applies to all teachers.

Paraeducators: Paraeducators in schools that operate a Title I, Part A schoolwide or targeted assistance programs must continue to meet federal standards used under ESSA and are explained in the Title 1, Part A Guide to Paraeducator Requirements.

Citizen Complaints-Federal Programs: Complaints that Alleged Discrimination-Equity & Civil Rights.

Complaints Related to Federal Programs— A citizen complaint is a written statement that alleges a violation of federal rule, law or regulation or state regulation that applies to federal program.

1. Anyone can file a citizen complaint.
2. There is no form.
3. There is no need to know the law that governs a federal program to file a complaint.

Sexual Harassment Policy

Rainier School District #307 is committed to a positive and productive education and working environment free from discrimination, including sexual harassment. The district prohibits sexual harassment of students, employees and others involved in school district activities.

Sexual harassment occurs when: submitting to the harasser's sexual demands is a stated or implied condition of obtaining an education or work opportunity or other benefit;

submission to or rejection of sexual demands is a factor in an academic, work or other school related decision affecting an individual;

unwelcome sexual or gender-directed conduct or communication interferes with an individual's performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

Sexual harassment can occur adult to student, adult to adult, male to female, female to male, male to male and female to female.

The Rainier School District will take prompt, equitable and remedial action within its authority on reports, complaints and grievances alleging sexual harassment that come to the attention of the district, either formally or informally. Allegations of criminal misconduct will be reported to law enforcement and suspected child abuse will be reported to law enforcement or Child Protective Services.

Engaging in sexual harassment will result in appropriate discipline or other appropriate sanctions against offending students, staff, and contractors. Anyone else who engages in sexual harassment on school property or at school activities, will have their access to school property and activities restricted as appropriate.

Retaliation against any person who makes or is a witness in a sexual harassment complaint is prohibited and will result in appropriate discipline. The district will take appropriate action to protect those involved.

Child Find

Does your child have a recorded history of/or have a physical, mental or developmental impairment or a disability that has a major impact on learning, walking, vision, hearing, breathing, working, and caring for oneself or performing manual tasks? Even if your child does not have a disability, does your child possess certain characteristics that would somehow cause others to treat him or her as if they did have an impairment?

If you answer yes to either of the above questions, your child may be eligible for special education, related services and/or specialized education accommodations.

The regulations to determine eligibility are:

Individual with Disabilities Educational Act
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

If you would like to make your child a focus of concern or to refer your child for screening, please contact the Special Services Office at the number listed below. Children from birth to age 21 may be eligible for specialized programs.

Rainier School District #307 Special Services, 360-446-7406

Dangerous Weapons Policy

The legislature passed a law designed to protect students and school staff from the threat posed by guns, knives, and other dangerous weapons on school campuses. The law states that any student who has in his or her possession potentially dangerous weapons on school property will be subject to expulsion from all public schools in the state of Washington. We have not experienced the tragedies and other types of problems some schools have faced because of the presence of dangerous weapons. We do, however, have students who routinely carry pocket knives to school. PLEASE LEAVE THEM AT HOME. Rainier schools are committed to providing a safe place to learn and work. We also do not want any of our students to forfeit their opportunity of attending Rainier or any other public school. **DO NOT BRING ANY POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS WEAPONS OR ANY ITEM WHICH SIMULATES A DANGEROUS WEAPON TO SCHOOL OR ANY SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT.**

We also take seriously any form of verbal threat such as: "I am going to get a gun and shoot you," or "I'm going to bring a gun to school," or "I have a bomb." We treat these actions as though they were real threats and school officials will take appropriate measures to ensure the safety and well being of other students and staff. **DO NOT SAY AS A JOKE ANY THREATENING WORDS THAT COULD BE MISTAKEN FOR THE REAL THING.** Students will receive appropriate discipline when using words of a threatening nature. Bringing a dangerous weapon to school will result in a one year mandatory expulsion. If you have any questions regarding this law and district policy, please contact the school principal. RSD #307 Policy:4210 Section: 4000—Community Relations.

Nondiscrimination Policy Statement

Rainier School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee(s) have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination.

Rainier School District's Coordinators; Title IX-Kristin Robinson
504-John Beckman, ADA & Bilingual-Bryon Bahr

Release of Student Records

The following directory information may be released by the district unless a student's parent requests in writing that such information not be released:

1. The student's name, address and telephone number.
2. Date and place of birth.
3. Major field of study.
4. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports.
5. Weight and height of members of athletic teams.
6. Date of attendance.
7. Degrees and awards received.
8. The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student.

At least once a year, parents shall be notified of their rights to request that a student's directory information not be released without their prior consent.

Vandalism and Property Damage

Students who destroy, injure, steal, or vandalize school property or the property of others will be required to pay for losses or damages.

Grades, diplomas and transcripts of students may be withheld until damage charges have been paid by the student or student's parents or guardian.

The defacing or writing on school private property under school jurisdiction is prohibited. The student shall be subject to suspension or other disciplinary action. This section is governed by RCW 28A.87.120.

Student Grooming and Dress

The primary responsibility for school dress and grooming rests with parents and guardians of our students. The school's responsibility is not to permit dress and grooming which is disruptive to the educational process or to the health, safety, or propriety of our students. The principal will determine if questionable attire is acceptable. Specific dress requirements include:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. No heellies, cleats, slippers or flip flops. They are not safe.
2. Hats and sunglasses may be worn to and from school only, not in the building.
3. Students will be fully clothed from shoulder to mid thigh. Skin tight clothing, spandex, leotards, cycling shorts, short shorts, short skirts and tops exposing the midriff are not adequate clothing. Pants, jeans and slacks that are large enough to fall over the hips and expose under garments are not acceptable and need to be kept up with a belt. Tank tops with large arm holes and/or spaghetti straps are unacceptable.
4. Dress that portrays profanity, illegal or inappropriate Innuendo, acts or substances (drugs/paraphernalia, alcohol, tobacco), is gang related (altered clothing, gang colors, sagging pants, bandanas, etc.), or otherwise creates an impression of disrespect to religion, sex, or ethnicity is prohibited.

Students in violation of the above dress standards may be held out of class or sent home to change. Tardiness or absence because of dress code violations will be unexcused.