

The Board prohibits the operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), also known as drones, at any time by any individual who is not expressly authorized to do so by the Superintendent, on property owned or leased or contracted for by the Board.

The Board also prohibits the operation of drones on property owned or leased or contracted for by the Board during District-sponsored contests (including scrimmages and previews), practices, tournaments, and activities unless permitted by Idaho Activities Association (IHSA) and permission from the District. District officials may deny admission or entry to anyone attempting to use drones. Any exceptions to this prohibition must be approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee.

Any individual who violates this policy may be referred to local law enforcement and/or subjected to discipline, if an employee or student.

### **Appropriate Use**

**School Related:** Teachers/staff, and students may, with pre-approval from School or District Administration, and if part of a school program or activity, operate a drone on school property solely for the limited purpose of the administrative pre-approval.

To receive pre-approval from school or district administration, the supervising staff member must submit the following information in writing to administration:

1. Age and grade of the students who would be flying under staff member supervision.
2. Size and weight of the drone.
3. The educational purpose of students flying the drone.
4. The level of supervision including teacher-to-student ratio and supervision plan.
5. The location of the lesson and a list of all possible locations where the drones will be flown.

**Non-School Related:** Unsupervised students are prohibited from operating drones on District property. Visitors are prohibited from operating drones unless they receive prior approval from the Superintendent or designee.

### **Guidelines**

The following guidelines must be adhered to by anyone flying a drone on District property:

1. Absent specific written permission from the District's Administration, all drones operating on District property must weigh no more than 55 lbs. If a drone weighs between .55 and 55 pounds, the individual must register the device with the FAA DroneZone. The school shall request proof of the drone owner/operator with regard to the device's registration.
2. Operators must pass and possess The Recreational UAS Safety Trust (TRUST) Completion Certificate. They must have the certificate on them at all times during which drones are operated on District property.

3. Operators must not operate a drone within five miles of any airport without prior notification and confirmation from airport authorities.
4. Operators must abide by any other airspace restrictions.
5. Operators must not operate a drone above an altitude of 400 feet above ground level and must remain clear of surrounding obstacles.
6. Operators must maintain safe control and line of sight with the drone during all stages of operation. Drones may only be flown during daylight and in weather that allows 3 miles of visibility from the place the drone is being operated.
7. Operators must maintain a safe operating distance from crowds and may not fly over stadiums, sports events, emergency response efforts, or any people who are not directly involved in the operation of the drone.
8. Operators must ensure drone operations do not interfere with manned aircraft operations.
9. Data collected by a drone can only be used for educational purposes and may not be sold for profit.
10. If there is a plan to fly drones over property that is not owned by the District, written permission from the owner of the property must be provided to the Superintendent or his/her designee. Those operating drones on property not owned by the District must adhere to all requirements of this policy.
11. Operators assume all risk of damage to property and bodily injuries that may occur due to unsafe operation of any drones.

The Superintendent of designee may require those using the drone to:

1. Supply proof of insurance meeting liability limits established by the District;
2. Sign an agreement holding the District harmless from any claims of harm to individuals or damage to property; and
3. Meet additional requirements as determined appropriate by the District.

### **Inappropriate Use**

Inappropriate use of drones includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Violating any State or Federal laws or rules or any District policy;
2. Taking pictures of property or persons without consent;
3. Violating safe operating protocols as defined in any drone user manual and as directed by the supervising staff member;
4. Deliberately annoying another person, interfering with another's work, insulting or attacking others, or harassing others; and
5. Take-offs or landings on District property contrary to this policy or pre-approval of the District's administration.

### **Violations**

District staff shall monitor for inappropriate use of District drone technology as defined by this policy. Violators may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion for students and termination for employees. Violators may also be subject to civil penalties pursuant to Idaho Code § 21-213(3)



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Section

21-213 – Restrictions on Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems

14 CFR Part 107

FAADroneZone

IHSAA Activity Regulations – Unmanned Aerial System (Drone) Policy

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