

NEW VISION HIGH SCHOOL

2026-2027 STUDENT HANDBOOK



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WELCOME BACK!

The New Vision High School staff wants to extend a welcome back to returning students and a friendly welcome to the new students. We hope you will accomplish your “new vision” and have a successful school year!

SCHOOL STAFF

Dan Davidian	Principal
Josi Wolcott	Counselor
Teresa Browning	Secretary
Andrew Diaz	Social Studies
Curtis Fowlds	Custodian/Maintenance
Josh Hansen	Math
Kelly Mason	Kitchen
MeShell Nadeau	Gradpoint Program Director
Nick Groth	PE/Health
Rich Raynor	Science
Ron Frantzich	Alternative to Suspension
Sherene Schilling	English
Sherry Huff	Credit Recovery/ISS

2026-27 CALENDAR

NVHS Office opens	Aug 10
Open House	Sept. 2
Labor Day - no school	Sept. 7
First day for students	Sept. 8
End of Q1	Nov. 5
Regular school day. Conferences until 7:15 pm	Nov. 19
Conferences until 12pm	Nov. 20
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 25-26
Christmas Break	Dec. 18 - Jan. 1
MLK Day - no school	Jan. 18
End of Q2	Jan. 28
President's Day - no school	Feb. 15
Regular school day. Conferences until 7:15 pm	March 18
Conferences until 12pm	March 19
Spring Break	March 26 - Apr. 2
End of Q3	April 8
Memorial Day - no school	May 31
Graduation / Last Day for Seniors (12:30 snacks NVHS/1pm rehearsal PFHS. Graduation 7pm: staff 6pm, seniors 6:15 pm, doors open 6:30 pm.	June 16
End of Q4 /Last Day with Students	June 17
Last Day for Teachers	June 18
Last Day for Office Staff	June 24

BELL SCHEDULE	
Advisory	7:50-8:50
2nd block	8:55-10:35
3rd block	10:40-11:30
Lunch	11:30-12:00
3rd block	12:00-12:50
4th block	12:55-2:35

MEAL PRICES	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary	\$2.15	\$3.35
Middle School	\$2.40	\$3.65
High School	\$2.40	\$3.80
Adult/Second Meal Price	\$3.10	\$5.30
Reduced Price	\$0.30	\$0.40
Milk	\$0.65	\$0.65

NEW VISION HIGH SCHOOL BACKGROUND

New Vision is the alternative high school for the Post Falls School District. It serves approximately 150 students grades 9-12, ages 14 to 21. Eleven criteria, established by the State Board of Education, determine whether or not a student meets the criteria to attend an alternative school in the State of Idaho. These criteria deem a student at-risk of dropping out of high school. All of the students at New Vision are therefore considered at risk.

VISION

Our vision for all New Vision students is that they can become educated and compassionate individuals who understand the importance of family and who will make a difference in the world.

MISSION

At new Vision High School, we strive to establish a safe and positive learning environment with high expectations for all students. We encourage students to develop enthusiasm for life-long learning and growth in their academic and personal lives.

SCHOOL MOTTO

We know. We care. We make a difference.

HANDBOOK & POLICY OVERVIEW

This handbook provides a summarized version of the disciplinary policy and rules adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Post Falls School District. More complete information, rules, and policies are set forth in the Post Falls School District policy manual. Students have the responsibility to know, respect, and abide by the rules, policies, and regulations of the school district. A copy of the manual is kept in the office for your review.

Web Address: <https://www.pfsd.com/board-of-trustees/board-of-trustees-policy-manual>

Please see series 500 Student Personnel

The New Vision administration and staff believe in a partnership between school and home. Ultimately, responsibility for a student's behavior rests with the student. The school hopes that parents will be concerned and cooperative in reinforcing behavioral expectations with the student in an effort to foster a culture of mutual respect.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

Problems are best solved at the building level. Parents and students have the right to an informal conference with the building principal for the purpose of resolving a problem. If the differences are not resolved, parents and students have the right to present their grievance orally or in writing to the assistant superintendent. If the grievance is still not resolved, parents have the right to present their grievance to the superintendent.

HARASSMENT/BULLYING

Harassment – whether sexual, ethnic, racial, age, religious or handicap-related will not be tolerated at New Vision High School. Bullying will not be tolerated. Students subjected to bullying need to report incidents to a school staff member. Students who observe bullying should report it to a staff member immediately.

DRUG, TOBACCO, AND ALCOHOL POLICY

In compliance with the Drug Free School and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (PL100-690) Post Falls School District # 273 recognizes its responsibility to maintain a school environment free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. Drug dogs will be used periodically to search school grounds.

Possession of alcohol and/or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, illegal or illicit drugs, or drug paraphernalia while on or in sight of district property during school hours or at a school-sponsored activity is in violation of this policy.

Violation of the above policy may result in suspension, action by law enforcement, notification of parents/guardians, substance abuse education, other consequences as outlined in the Post Falls District policies, or a combination of the above.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

New Vision High School is a professional work environment; therefore, students are to refrain from public displays of affection while on school grounds, including the school building, parking lot, and athletic events. Repeated violations will be considered insubordination, and students will be subject to disciplinary action. Displays of affection beyond holding hands and brief hugs are not permitted at New Vision High School.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Post Falls School District prohibits harassment and discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, and pregnancy, as well as retaliation against individuals who report allegations of sex and gender-based harassment and discrimination, file a formal complaint, or participate in a grievance process (Policy No. 504.11).

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

State law charges school personnel with maintaining order and discipline among students. Therefore, a student's individual freedom of expression must not interfere with the educational process.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is defined as the act of presenting other people's ideas and writings as one's own and/or not giving credit to the original source(s). Students who cheat on tests and/or assignments (including the use of artificial intelligence), or aid another who is, will receive a zero. Consequences of plagiarism:

- 1st offense, student receives a zero on the assignment.
- 2nd offense, zero on assignment, 1 day ISS.
- 3rd offense: immediate course failure.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS

While you are a student at New Vision, you have the following responsibilities:

- Come to school every day. You cannot learn if you are not here.
- Participate in Advisory.
- Be on time so others' learning is not disrupted and teachers don't have to reteach the material unnecessarily. Punctuality is a skill you must have in order to keep a job.
- Comply with teacher requests. We will *never* ask you to do something unreasonable.
- Show respect and kindness to all students and staff and practice caring and safe behavior.
- Call the school if you are going to be gone for the day. We worry when you are not here.
- Have pride in the school-and show it.
- Express your ideas and opinions in ways that will not slander or libel others or hurt people's feelings.
- Respect the authority of school district employees. *Everyone* at New Vision deserves respect-including you.
- Give your best effort in class and social situations. We expect quality - and we give it.
- Ask questions when you do not understand how or why to do something. We cannot read your mind!
- Expect to be challenged to do better and more than you ever have before. Our goal is to help you be successful in *all* areas of life.
- Once you arrive on campus in the morning you are not allowed to leave without checking out properly.
- At NVHS, 'Open Campus' for lunch is a privilege for Juniors and Seniors that can be taken away.
 - Students who have lunch detention, do not earn all of their credits, go over their allowed absences, are on probation/diversion, have been suspended, and/or return back late from lunch may NOT leave campus at lunch.

While you are a student at New Vision, you have the following rights:

- To be treated with respect and fairness regardless of your race, gender, ability, financial status, or past behavior.
- To have your questions answered with patience and understanding.
- To expect us to avoid power struggles whenever possible. We are here to help you learn.
- To receive individualized help in all subject areas. However, you may have to be patient while we give that same attention to other students.
- To have assistance in preparing for your life as an independent adult.
- To have a safe and caring environment in which to learn. We care about you as a person, not just a student.
- To share your ideas about improving the school. We expect you to participate in how the school operates!
- To have meaningful and relevant learning experiences.
- To be informed about all class requirements and the grading process in all classes.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

Be Here & Be Ready

Attend daily, be on time, and engage in your learning.

If you miss more than four days in a quarter, you will be required to make up time in order to earn those credits.

2+ tardies/week = 1 lunch detention per tardy after the 2nd.

Excuses must be documented (doctor, court, or principal-approved).

Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco

Possession, use, or being under the influence at school/events is strictly prohibited.

Searches may be conducted per board policy. Illegal items = police notification.

Respect & Safety

No violence, threats, bullying, or harassment of any kind.

Fighting is not tolerated.

No profanity, slurs, or language promoting illegal acts.

Follow reasonable directions from staff.

Campus Rules

No visiting other schools or having unauthorized visitors.

9th & 10th graders have a closed campus during lunch.

You must properly check out to leave campus.

Make food arrangements before school. Only parents/guardians may deliver food (not DoorDash).

Parking & Safety

Park carefully and respectfully at the Boys & Girls Club. Use crosswalks. Drive safely.

Personal Boundaries

Keep public displays of affection limited to brief hugs or hand-holding. Please keep your hands to yourself.

Phones, Devices, and Internet Usage

1st phone or device offense: to office for student pick up. Further offenses: parent pickup required.

No recording audio/video on campus.

No unauthorized internet usage (music, YouTube, gaming, etc.).

Do Your Own Work

No cheating, copying, plagiarism, or unapproved AI use.

Be the author of your own ideas.

Weapons

Possession or use of any weapon will result in immediate removal from school & possible removal from the program or expulsion.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Students at New Vision High School will be allowed 4 days of absence each 9-week quarter. This is equivalent to the 90% attendance rate for all students as required by the District.
2. Excused Absences include:
 - A. Juvenile Detention/Court with documentation.
 - B. Full Day Suspension with ATS requirements met.
 - C. Illness/Dentist/Hospitalization that is accompanied by a doctor's note. (Vouchers may be available for those without insurance) or a school nurse's recommendation.
 - D. Maternity/Paternity leave
 - E. Family Emergency
3. Missing 30 minutes or more of any one class period is considered an absence for that class.
4. On the 5th day of absence, a student enters "Attendance Probation" and must make up the time missed. This can be made up before or after school, at lunch, or as arranged with a staff member. Students will not earn credit/s until time is made up.
5. Make up time is required to be completed by the end of the following quarter. Failure to make up time will result in loss of credits.
6. On the 8th day of absence, a meeting must be held between the parent, student and administration. This will determine best placement for the student. Students may be placed on an attendance contract at this time.
7. Absences beyond 10 days or 10 class periods will result in loss of credit/s for the quarter.

I understand and will abide by the school's attendance policy.

Student Signature

Date

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read and understand the school's attendance policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

DRESS CODE POLICY

New Vision High School is concerned with the health, safety, and wellbeing of students and the avoidance of distractions to learning. Students should adhere to personal cleanliness and neatness. Students are expected to dress in a manner that is conducive to a positive learning environment. The following guidelines are requirements for student dress while on campus and during school activities:

Dress Code Policy

All students are expected to wear clothing that is clean, in good repair, and appropriate for a school environment.

General Clothing Requirements

- Pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn so that they reach below the student's fingertips when their arms are fully extended at their sides. This includes any rips or tears in the fabric.
- Shirts must have straps that are at least 2.5 inches wide and cover all undergarments. Shirts must also cover the sides of the body and remain in place during normal activity to cover the midsection, cleavage, and back.
- Undergarments should not be visible at any time during normal activity.
- Leggings and similar stretch pants must be worn with a top that is long enough to cover the student's front and back "bathing suit" areas.
- Bandanas, hoods, and sunglasses are not permitted indoors.

Prohibited Items

- Clothing, jewelry, or accessories with drawings or words that reference, imply, or allude to violence, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, profanity, sexual innuendo, or weapons.
- Spikes of any kind on clothing or accessories.
- Costumes, face paint, face masks, onesies, or pajama pants.

**Normal activity consists of walking, sitting, standing, bending, and/or stretching.*

Styles change, and the administration reserves the right to deem any attire inappropriate. If any students are unsure about any article of clothing, they should inquire before they wear it. Students who violate the dress code will fix the clothing immediately by borrowing clothes or by having dress code compliant clothing delivered to the school. Students will not be allowed back to class until the violation has been fixed. Repeated violation of the student dress code may result in further disciplinary actions.

I understand and will abide by the school's dress code policy. Should I commit any violations of this policy, I understand, I will be asked to change my clothing or be sent home.

Student Signature

Date

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read and understand the school's attendance policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date