



sorensen
a magnet school

SORENSEN MAGNET SCHOOL

School Handbook

FOR PARENT AND STUDENTS

2022-2023

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A Message from the Principal

Welcome to Sorensen Magnet School.

Sorensen is a place where our students learn core knowledge through the fabric of the arts and humanities. If you haven't heard about us yet, you likely will in the future. Sorensen is located in the heart of downtown Coeur d'Alene. Our newly remodeled school building is a reminder of the hard work demonstrated by members of this great community who joined forces in a campaign to save Sorensen, turn it into a school of choice, make it one of two "Arts and Humanities" schools in the state of Idaho, and as a result, this little school with "big ideas" has impacted countless numbers of students and will continue to do so for generations to come.

The Sorensen staff is the core of what makes our school a success. Dynamic, engaging, knowledgeable, kid-friendly, and talented are several definitions I would use to describe our teachers. Our amazing staff loves working with students and takes pride in what our school has to offer. Students have the opportunity to participate in a host of arts and humanities activities, not to mention their daily emersion into math, science, social studies, and reading/language arts. Sorensen also offers Advanced Learning Placement for students who look for more academic challenge. Teachers at Sorensen work together in an effort to help every child discover themselves, develop a discipline for learning and appreciation for the Arts and Humanities.

Our parents are an integral part of the Sorensen community. Volunteerism is always encouraged and celebrated. The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is vital in assisting within the school and fundraising outside of the school. They are a dynamic group focused on helping provide the school with the essentials and have a lot of fun doing it!

BRETT DEPEW, Principal

School Bell Schedule

Late Start Monday:

9:30 am – Breakfast

9:45 am – Playground coverage begins

10:00 am – Bell

10:05 am – Tardy Bell

Full Day Kindergarten – 5th :

10:00 am – 3:30pm

Tuesday – Thursday:

8:00 am – Breakfast

8:15 am – Playground coverage begins

8:30 am – Bell

8:35 am – Tardy Bell

Full Day Kindergarten – 5th :

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Early Release Friday:

8:00 am – Breakfast

8:15 am - Playground coverage begins

8:30 am – Bell

8:35 am – Tardy Bell

Full Day Kindergarten – 5th:

8:30 am – **2:00 pm**

Mission Statement

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Sorensen is an artistically-enriched school which empowers students by providing an academically excellent education for every child.

Our Shared Vision

Sorensen will empower creative and critical thinkers who have appreciation for the arts and humanities, a passion for learning and who demonstrate excellence within their community

Who to Call List

Principal – Brett DePew bdepew@cdaschools.org

Vice Principal – Bri Weinberger bweinberger@cdaschools.org

Skyward Access – Michelle Grebil mgrebil@cdaschools.org or Ashley McElvany amcelvany@cdaschools.org

Attendance – Absences, Tardies - Michelle Grebil mgrebil@cdaschools.org or Ashley McElvany amcelvany@cdaschools.org

Student Records - Michelle Grebil mgrebil@cdaschools.org or Ashley McElvany amcelvany@cdaschools.org

School Nurse Amy Bell abell@cdaschools.org

Transportation – Transportation (208) 667-3451

Counselor – Hilary Mann hmann@cdaschools.org

Special Education, IEP – Kelsey Cordes-Snyder kelsey.cordes-snyder@cdaschools.org

Parent Association – PTO President-- Sara Meyer sarameyer78@yahoo.com

Volunteering - Michelle Grebil mgrebil@cdaschools.org or Ashley McElvany amcelvany@cdaschools.org

Attendance Expectations

Attendance Matters

Daily attendance is important for every single student in our school. Did you know? School funding can be noticeably affected by chronic absenteeism. Experiencing tough times? Reach out! Our schools have resources available to help solve many issues. Periodically our district offers attendance incentive contests. Visit www.cdaschools.org/attendance for the latest attendance incentive and let's make the very most of this school year.

Notify the Front Office of Any Absences

We ask that you call the front office to let us know when your child will be absent from school for safety and planning reasons.

Behavior Expectations

Dress Code

- See the Sorensen Magnet School website.

Electronic Devices/Cellphones

If your child brings a cell phone to school, it needs to be off and in their backpack while on school grounds. If you need to contact your child during the day, please call the office. Students will only be able to use the office phone with permission from their classroom teacher

Transportation/Bus

Please make sure your students know how they are getting home after school each day. Discussing after school plans with your children before leaving home each day allows us to keep the phone lines open for emergencies. If you need to let your child know about after school arrangements, please contact the school before 2:30 pm so we have enough time to notify your child.

Sorensen PTO

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PTO President: Sara Meyer sarameyer78@yahoo.com

All are welcome!