

1 Joint School District No. 2, Meridian

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3 STUDENT PERSONNEL

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5 Series 500

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7 Policy Title Statement of Guiding Principles & Philosophy Code No. 500

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9 Principles

10 The mission of Joint School District No. 2 is to prepare today's students for tomorrow's  
11 challenges.

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13 The board of trustees is committed to protecting the rights and promoting the welfare of  
14 all students.

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16 These policies are designed to provide quality experiences for students in activities  
17 related to the educational program.

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19 Philosophy

20 Since the course of study of our schools is based upon a normal amount of work for an  
21 average child who attends classes every day that school is in session, each child in  
22 expected to attend school regularly. Any deviation from regular attendance places the  
23 responsibility for justification of such deviation upon the pupil and his/her parent. It shall  
24 be the responsibility of the parent(s) to aid the school authorities in the enforcement of  
25 regular attendance.

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27 Any child between the ages of seven (7) and sixteen (16) shall attend a public or private  
28 school each year.

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30 Idaho Code 33-201 – SCHOOL AGE – The services of the public schools of this state  
31 are extended to any acceptable person of school age. "School age" is defined as  
32 including all persons resident of the state, between the ages of five (5) and twenty-one  
33 (21) years. For the purposes of this section, the age of five (5) years shall be attained  
34 when the fifth anniversary of birth occurs on or before the first day of September of the  
35 school year in which the child is to enroll in kindergarten. For a child enrolling in the first  
36 grade, the age of six (6) years must be reached on or before the first day of September  
37 of the school year in which the child is to enroll. Any child of the age of five (5) years  
38 who has completed a private or public out-of-state kindergarten for the required four  
39 hundred fifty (450) hours but has not reached the "school age" requirement in Idaho shall  
40 be allowed to enter the first grade.

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42 For resident children with disabilities who qualify for special education and related  
43 services under public law 94-142 and subsequent amendments thereto, and applicable  
44 state and federal regulations, "school age" shall begin at the attainment of age three (3)  
45 and shall continue through the semester of school in which the student attains the age of  
46 twenty-one (21) years.

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48 Students who become twenty-one (21) on or before the first day of September will not be  
49 permitted to enroll for that school year, unless tuition is paid, based upon the amount of  
50 State Foundation funding for the school year enrolled.

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52 Subject to administrator recommendation, persons twenty-one (21) years of age or  
53 older, may enroll as full-time students if tuition payments are made monthly, in advance.  
54 The tuition amount will be based upon the amount of the State Foundation funding for  
55 the school year. Persons over twenty-one (21) years of age will not be permitted to  
56 enroll on a part-time basis.

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Legal Reference: Code of Idaho

33-201 to 33-207; 33-512;

33-2001