



HEMINGWAY STEAM SCHOOL  
**FAMILY HANDBOOK**  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### District Philosophy

#### **Mission**

The mission of Blaine County School District is to inspire, engage, educate and empower every student.

#### **Values**

Balancing rigorous, evidence-based instruction with an environment of collaboration, compassion, humility and inclusion to help every student succeed at the highest level.

### School Philosophy

#### **Mission**

At Ernest Hemingway STEAM School our mission is to provide all children a safe and supportive learning environment, in which students can explore their creativity, take intellectual risks and reach their full potential as individuals, as learners and as respectful, contributing members of our global society.

#### **Vision**

To have all children are fully engaged and actively involved in their education, where every child is challenged and their individual, and exceptional learning needs are being met.

To have a school that provides all children experiences that promote tolerance and respect for other individuals and cultures.

To develop self-directed and life-long learners with the knowledge and skills to use evolving technology to solve the problems and meet the demands of the 21st century.

**Grades:** Pre-Kindergarten - 8th Grade

**Mascot:** Huskies



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## OUR SCHOOL

### STEAM is a Philosophy of Teaching & Learning

Science is a way of finding evidence to support answers to questions

Technology is any tool used to solve a problem

Engineering is a means of designing and testing solutions to problems

Art is the application of human creativity and imagination

Math is the computational language of measurement, pattern, formation and relationships

Ernest Hemingway STEAM School offers an integrated, inquiry-based learning opportunities for students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 8. STEAM is an integrated approach to learning in which science, technology, engineering, art and math are infused into all lessons across the curriculum. On March 4, 2022 Hemingway STEAM school became officially [STEM Certified](#) through Cognia Accreditation organization.

Cross-grade level STEAM buddies and monthly Exploration Stations in Grades K-5 are an integral part of learning at Hemingway. Art in Engineering is offered as a core class in the Middle School. All students keep track of their STEAM learning in a STEAM journal.

### Outdoor Education & Community Partnerships

Outdoor education and our community partnerships are highly valued at Hemingway. We incorporate the outdoors as much as possible. We are within walking distance of the Big Wood River, The Environmental Resource Center, and the Sun Valley Museum of Art. The Sawtooth Botanical Gardens is a bike ride away and the SNRA is a short bus ride away making it very easy for us to access these wonderful 'STEAM' resources.



All 6th graders go on a 4-night trip to the [McCall Outdoor Science School](#). 5th graders hike up to Baker Lake and go on a 2-night camping trip to the [Idaho BASE Camp](#). 4th graders participate in Wagon's Ho, 2nd and 3rd graders explore Ketchum and frequently visit the [Community Library](#). Kindergarten and 1st graders do a number of 'Wonder Wander' nature walks observing the outdoors and visit the [Sawtooth Botanical Garden](#).

All students in 1st-5th grade participate in our Winter program by either skiing, snowshoeing, Nordic skiing or ice skating at the Sun Valley ice rink.



## School Hours

7:55am	Warning bell rings
8:00am	School begins
11:00am	Preschool dismisses Kindergarten - 8th grade dismisses
2:40pm	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
1:55pm	Early out Wednesday

If your child is ill or absent, parents are expected to call the office in the morning to report and excuse their absence.

## Drop Off & Pick Up

Students are asked not to arrive at school before 7:30 am. Adult supervision will begin at 7:30 am and end at 7:55 am when the students will enter the building to begin their school day. Depending upon the time your child arrives at school and the weather conditions, careful attention needs to be given to your child's clothing.



It is important that children are in class for the start of the school day. Please take the morning traffic into consideration.

To facilitate children's access to the playground, parents who drive their students to school are asked to drop them off at the south side of the building. The north parking lot is reserved for staff and buses only. We ask that you park only in our south lot when visiting school.

## Code of Conduct

Our Code of Conduct was designed by the Hemingway Staff with input from the student body to enhance the learning opportunities for all students.

- We will maintain a quality learning atmosphere.
- We will show concern for the rights and safety of ourselves and others. \*We will show respect for school and personal property.
- We will respect adult decisions.
- We will use polite language and good manners.

The following items were designed to help students translate the Code into specific responsibilities. Within the building, our Code of Conduct requires:

- Walking in a quiet, orderly manner
- Using a quiet voice while working in the hall
- Keeping hands to oneself
- Leaving class only with permission
- Proper use of restrooms

In the cafeteria, our Code of Conduct requires:

- Using "please" and "thank you"
- Using restaurant table manners
- Speaking in a 12-inch whisper voice
- Not sharing food (for health reasons)
- Standing in line quietly
- Selecting a seat and remaining there for the period
- Cleaning the eating area before being excused
- Receiving permission to be excused

On the playground, our Code of Conduct will not permit:

- Rough play
- Rude language and swearing
- Throwing snowballs
- Misuse of playground equipment
- Uncooperative behavior
- Injuring students with objects
- Leaving boundaries
- Closing games to other students when using school equipment

## Specials

All students in grades Kindergarten through 5th attend Art, Engineering & Design, Instructional Technology, Music, and PE from "Specials" teachers once a week.

## Parents Auxiliary

Our Parents Auxiliary has regular meetings. Dates and times are posted in our newsletter and on the web. Please consider becoming involved with this important organization. The PA encourages parents to use the online directory called Classroom Parent. More information can be found on the [Hemingwayhuskies.org](http://Hemingwayhuskies.org).

