

Spartan Standards and Expectations

The following standards have been developed and reviewed to help each student understand the expectations that lead to having an educational, enjoyable, and successful experience at South Ogden Junior High School.

ATHLETICS/AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Athletic events normally begin at 3:00 p.m. on game days. Students wishing to attend should take all personal items to the game as the building will be secured except for the activity entrance. No buses will be provided for students after games or to away games (exception: championship games may offer a spirit bus). All Spartans and their fans are expected to display proper conduct and sportsmanship at all times during contests

ATTENDANCE

According to Utah State Law and School Board Policy: “The student is responsible to be present in class and the parent, guardian, or other person having control of any such minor between six and eighteen years of age shall be required to send such minor to school during the regularly established school day in the attendance area of residence.” Students are expected to be at school in each class each day unless properly excused by their parents, administrations, advisor, or teacher. A student not properly excused will be considered truant.

The following procedures are for our students’ safety and well-being:

- ❖ When students are late, they must check in at the check-in/out window found outside the main office’s southeast corner before reporting to class.
- ❖ When students check out, take the note to the attendance secretary at the check-in/out window.
- ❖ If students need to miss school, they must be excused by a phone call or a written note from their legal guardians. Parents can excuse absences by calling the attendance secretary (801-452-4467), or by sending a written excuse **the following day**. Students should take the written excuse to the attendance office before school starts on the day they return from any absence(s).
- ❖ When students are absent it is their responsibility to work with teachers in making up work missed during excused absences. Teachers will allow the number of days absent plus one day for makeup work for verified absences. **For unverified absences and/or truancies, students may not be allowed to make up work missed.**
- ❖ **FOR OUR STUDENTS’ SAFETY** - a parent/guardian must come into the school to check the student out. ID will be required in order to check a student out. Only those listed on the student’s information (including emergency contacts) may check a student out.

When a parent/guardian calls into the attendance secretary to inform the school that their student will not be attending for the day, it will be recorded as a *VERIFIED* absence. A *VERIFIED* means that the parent is aware that the student is not attending school for the day and has informed the school of the absence. *EXCUSED* absences are for school excused activities. *Verified and Excused absences DO NOT* excuse the student from making up the work they missed while out of class. Please work with the teacher(s) on any absence from class(es) missed. The following attendance codes are used:

<u>Absence Reason</u>	<u>Marking</u>
❖ Verified Absence	AB
❖ Unverified Absence*	A
❖ School Excused	E
❖ Tardy	T
❖ Truancy	TR

*Unverified absences may be changed to truants if unresolved.

When a student arrives 10 minutes late to class, they may be marked as Absent (A) or Tardy (T).

The following information explains how attendance is recorded when your student arrives late to school:

7:45 am – 7:55 am T (Tardy) - When a student arrives at school during this timeframe with or without a note.

7:56 am –2:30 pm A (Absent) - When a student arrives at school without proper verification for classes they have missed.

AB (Verified Absent) - With proper verification for classes they have missed.

If you have questions, please call the school at 801-452-4467 to contact the attendance secretary.

BACK PACKS/CINCH SACKS

Backpacks/cinch sacks are to be left in the locker and not carried from class to class. These items become a safety issue when they are in classrooms.

BOUNDARY EXCEPTIONS

Students who wish to attend a school in the Weber School District other than their school of residence must complete and return the proper application form to the requested school during the time frame of December 1st through the third Friday in February prior to the year of registration. Special circumstances may be reviewed without regard to the general time frame. Forms are available from the schools or district office.

BUDDY BOX

SOJH has a 'Buddy Box' in the Student Services office for students' use. This box is used to anonymously report situations of concern i.e.: harassment, bullying, welfare concerns, etc. of either themselves or for another Spartan. A slip can be filled out anonymously and placed into the box. All slips are taken seriously, checked consistently, and looked into. If a student wants to report a concern, they should fill out the slip and put it into the box or contact a counselor.

CELL PHONE POLICY

The appropriate use of cell phones will be permitted before and after school hours and during the students' lunch period. Because of the risk that these devices may be broken, lost, or stolen, students are discouraged from bringing them to school. If an electronic device is brought to school, it must not interfere with the educational process at school. School administration or designee may search digital media devices based on reasonable suspicion that they contain evidence of a violation of school rules or policy. Use of cell phones for inappropriate reasons while on campus, such as cheating, sexting, harassment, picture taking, videoing, or any use that is inappropriate or disruptive to a positive learning school environment, will be cause for discipline. School district policies, State and Federal laws regarding illegal content of electronic devices will be enforced.

Cell phone misuse will result in the following consequences:

1st Offense—Warning: Cell phone is returned to student at the end of the day.

Cell phone will be taken away and kept in the office until the end of the school day. Student's name will be recorded in the student tracker and parents contacted.

2nd Offense— **A parent or authorized adult is required to pick up the cell phone.**

Cell phone will be taken away and kept in the office until the end of the school day. Student's name will be recorded in the student tracker and parents contacted.

3rd Offense— Suspension.

Cell phone will be taken away and kept in the office. Students name will be recorded in the student tracker and parents contacted. **A parent or authorized adult is required to pick up the cell phone. Student will be suspended for one day.**

School phones are available for student use at the attendance check-in/out window or in the Student Services Office.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

The use or possession of tobacco, e-cigarettes, intoxicants or any other controlled substance of any kind is prohibited on school property, or in any building owned or operated by the Board of Education. The use or possession of any of the above substances is prohibited off the school grounds at any school activity, function, or event as well. Infraction of rules will lead to mandatory Juvenile Court citations being issued or referral to proper authorities. Suspension from school and/or referral to Weber County Drug and Alcohol Assessment may also occur. The school's SRO will be involved.

Substance Violations: The rules are very clear when it comes to substance violations. (see WSD policies)

- ❖ Students will not possess, use, or be under the influence of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, or intoxicants of any kind.
- ❖ Students will not have any drug related paraphernalia on school grounds or at school- sponsored activities.
- ❖ Students will not abuse or use illegal substances. (See "Student Behavior Policy")

- ❖ Students will remove themselves from situations where others are engaging in such activities.
 - ❖ Students will be referred to substance abuse screening services when engaged in such activities.
- (Refer to Weber School District Safe School Policy.)

DANCES

Dress standards for dances will be acceptable school dress. Appropriate behavior is also enforced. Inappropriate behavior and/or dress could result in: students being turned away from attending the dance, being asked to leave the dance, suspension, and/or being kept from attending/participating in future extracurricular activities as deemed by administration. Students from other schools are not allowed to attend South Ogden Jr. High School dances. Masks are not to be worn. Dances will be held from 6:00-8:00. All students should be picked up promptly at the conclusion of the dance at 8:00 PM.

DAYTIME CURFEW

In order to ensure student safety, we enforce a closed campus policy. Students are not allowed to leave campus without parental permission and clearance in the office. It is unlawful for any juvenile who is subject to compulsory education to leave the school campus without a valid school check-out slip. It is unlawful for the parent of any juvenile to knowingly permit them to violate the daytime curfew. Cities surrounding SOJH's boundaries issue daytime curfew tickets for being found off campus unexcused.

DRESS CODE

The Board of Education of the Weber School District recognizes that standards of proper dress and grooming affect the behavior of students attending school. South Ogden Jr. High's dress code promotes safety, personal hygiene, and a proper academic environment. Students are expected to maintain a type of dress that is clean, modest, and not distracting to teachers or other students and not detrimental or disruptive to the educational process. Emphasis is placed on neatness, cleanliness, safety, and modesty in personal appearance.

Students will come to school well-groomed and appropriately dressed in clean clothing. They will not be allowed to wear clothing which is so conspicuous or extreme that it may draw undue attention, disrupt class, or tend to interfere with the learning atmosphere/process at school. Therefore, the following dress and grooming standards have been adopted and apply at South Ogden Junior High as a means of promoting safety, personal hygiene, and a proper academic environment. The dress code also applies to school dances in the evening.

A student who chooses to wear inappropriate clothing will be given a choice of: (1) call a parent to bring something appropriate, (2) wear clothing provided by the school.

- A. State Health law requires that shoes must be worn at all times.
- B. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must extend to just above the knee or lower. No miniskirts, mini dresses or short shorts at school. Leggings can be worn but must not be sheer. Sheer leggings must have clothing worn over them and must meet the proper length requirements.
- C. Shirts and tops may not show bare midriffs or be revealing at the neck or stomach. Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, athletic undershirts, halter tops, spaghetti strap shirts, and bare midriff shirts are not allowed at school. See-through, lacy tops are not allowed without another shirt underneath.
- D. Sleepwear and slippers are not allowed.
- E. Underwear must not be exposed or visible.
- F. Clothing with designs, printed words, or slogans that are suggestive, obscene, in poor taste, promote violence, or that refer to a substance or activity which is illegal for a minor will not be allowed. Clothing which refers to ale, beer, or other alcoholic beverages, smoked or smokeless tobacco, breweries, or illegal drugs may not be worn.
- G. Pants that are shredded and expose skin or underwear or that do not meet the policy length are not to be worn. Students wearing extremely shredded pants and clothing will be required to change. Students who have holes in their pants above mid-thigh will be asked to cover them.
- H. For security purposes, hats or other types of head covering such as scarves, hoodies' hoods, bandanas, etc. may not be worn in the building. Hats will be confiscated if worn in the building.
- I. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building (with the exception of a doctor's note).
- J. Educationally distracting hair color or makeup will not be allowed. Hair or makeup which is so conspicuous, extreme, odd in color or style that it draws undue attention, disrupts, tends to disrupt, or interferes with the learning atmosphere at school will not be allowed.

- K. Clothing attachments, jewelry, or accessories which could be considered weapons, which could pose a potential risk of injury to the wearer, others, or which could be considered to be disruptive to the educational process may not be worn. Chains longer than 6 inches may not be worn.
- L. Costumes are not to be worn at school unless it is on a school-wide administrative approved day such as Spirit Week or Halloween. For security purposes, masks and full face paint are always prohibited.
- M. Facial piercings that are disruptive and/or extreme should not be worn; students may be asked to remove them.
- N. Gang related clothing, attire, and fashion is prohibited. Colors may also be prohibited for certain individuals if the individual has used the colors to identify with a gang. Gang apparel and fashion changes, and new trends will be enforced as we receive information from our local gang task force, local law enforcement, or SRO.
- O. *South Ogden Jr. High School reserves the right to prohibit any items of clothing or appearance which may cause a disturbance or distraction to an orderly school environment, i.e. bandannas, jewelry, chains, etc. that are disruptive or might be a safety concern. (this is not an exhaustive list)*

Violations of the dress code policy will result in disciplinary action:

- ❖ **First offense:** The student will be warned and the incident will be recorded on the discipline tracker. The student will be required to change inappropriate clothing. If the violation involves a hat, the hat will be confiscated and taken to the office. The student may pick up the hat after school. Parent/guardian will be contacted.
- ❖ **Second offense:** A parent/guardian will be contacted and the student will be required to change inappropriate clothing. If the violation involves a 2nd hat violation, the hat will be confiscated, taken to the office, and returned to a parent/guardian after school. The incident will be recorded on the discipline tracker.
- ❖ **Third offense:** The student will be suspended for one day and a parent/guardian will be contacted. The incident will be recorded on the discipline tracker. If the incident involves a 3rd hat violation, the hat will be returned to the parent/guardian. Any subsequent violation(s) of the dress code policy will result in extended periods of suspension from school.

Any violation of the dress code policy will follow the above due process tiered disciplinary actions/consequences.

FEE WAIVER PROCEDURE

Fees, as established by the Weber School District Board of Education, will be waived in accordance with the Utah State Board of Education standards for students whose parents or legal guardians verify evidence of inability to pay. Those applying for fee waivers should fill out the appropriate form, attach required supporting documents, and return it to the school office before or at registration.

FIGHTING

Fighting at school or any school function will be cause for immediate suspension. Repeated offenses will result in a parent meeting, school or district contract, and possible removal from SOJH.

HALL INFRACTIONS

It is the students' responsibility to be in class during class time. If a student has an emergency he/she must be issued a hall pass by a staff member. Continued tardiness to class can result in a lowered citizenship grade and/or suspension. Abuse of hall passes may constitute revocation of the hall pass use.

Hall Infractions - Class time is a critical part of a students' education and in order to optimize this time, prompt and regular attendance is required. "Hall Sweeps" will be held periodically and students who are not in class and do not have an authorized hall pass will be issued a Hall Infraction, which indicates a violation of the tardy policy. Disciplinary actions will be:

- 1st Offense: Warning—Hall Infraction Notice issued
- 2nd Offense: Hall Infraction Notice issued, a call is made to the Parent/Guardian.
- 3rd Offense: Possible suspension for violation of tardy policy.

ID BADGES

All students are to carry their Student ID card. These cards are used not only as a safety issue (to identify our students), but are also to check in and out of school, purchase breakfasts, lunches, and to check out library books from the media center. ***During lunch, students who do not have an ID card with them will be held out until those with cards have had time to enter, thus placed at the end of the line.*** Replacement cards can be purchased in the office for \$5.00.

LOCKERS

Lockers are the property of the school district and may be inspected by school authorities at any time. Students are responsible to keep the locker clean and neat inside and outside. They must not write on, scratch, carve, dent, or in any way deface or damage their locker or anyone else's locker. Students should NOT use tape on/in the locker. Magnets are the only acceptable way to hang items in the locker. At the end of the school year, students will be responsible for any mistreatment (damages) of their assigned locker. Students should use only their assigned locker. A \$5.00 fee will be charged to change locker combinations. ***Students who change lockers without permission and/or give other students their locker combination will be charged the fee to change the locker combination.*** Students are required to keep the combination secure and to refrain from providing access to other students.

LUNCHES

Students are highly encouraged to pre-pay for their lunches (on-line or at school), but can also pay daily. We now accept credit card payments at the school. You can also pay online at www.myschoolfees.com. Students will be informed when their lunch accounts are low or out of money. ***Students are not allowed to 'charge' lunches**.*** Students with no money or who are in the red in their account will need to call home to remind the parent/guardian that they are out of money. During lunches, students who do not have an ID card with them will be required to wait until the end of the line. This allows the cooks to process the students in an expedited manner each day. *****Lunch accounts in the negative are subject to collections if not paid in a timely manner. Notices will be sent out for accounts in the negative.***

Vending machines have been provided for your convenience and are not owned, supplied, or run by SOJH. Please remember that all food and drinks need to be consumed in the cafeteria and/or designated areas only. Water/Juice machines are on all day. ***SOJH is not responsible for any money lost in the vending machines, use of these machines are 'use at your own risk'.***

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Student Conferences play a very important role in the success of a student. If more than 15 minutes is needed for the meeting, it is recommended that a future appointment be made with the teacher. PTS conferences will be held in September, December, and February. Check the school web site for the specific dates, times, and further information. We highly advise that the student attend during these conferences.

PDA (PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION)

PDA's such as hugging, kissing, holding hands, embracing, etc. are distracting and not appropriate behavior at school.

PARENT PORTAL (MYSTUDENT)

We highly encourage all parents to set up a student portal account. Students and parents/guardians have access to look at the progress of the student, check assignments, tests, quizzes, attendance, grades, etc. This is a great tool to see how the student is doing in their classes. Changes made during the year, i.e. address change, phone numbers, etc., must be made ASAP and directly on the portal. If you need an access code or more assistance with this, please contact the office.

Parents, SOJH encourages you to opt having weekly/daily e-mails for the following:

- ❖ Attendance
- ❖ Grades
- ❖ D, F, & I grades report

Go into the Parent Portal site and click on those areas you would like to have sent to you.

P.T.S.A. MEMBERSHIP

We encourage you to become a member of our Parent Teacher Student Association. P.T.S.A. has an impact on issues that benefit your child. There is no better value and it costs only a few dollars a year to be a member. You may join at registration time or at Back to School Night.

REPORT CARDS/MIDTERMS

Report cards/midterms will be mailed out to parents/guardians to the address listed on the student's records. Please make sure that your address is correct to receive your student's grades and other important information.

SCHOOL HOURS

7:15 AM-2:45 PM

Parents, if you plan on picking up your student, please do so by 2:45 PM. All students except those involved with teachers are expected to be off campus by 2:45 PM. All visitors to the campus must check in at the main office.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT, HAZING OR ASSAULT

Every student has the right to feel safe and accepted. Sexual harassment, hazing or assault will not be tolerated at South Ogden Jr. High School. Unwanted verbal or physical advances exchanged among students are inappropriate behaviors and are in violation of the Civil Rights Act. Unwelcome sexual gestures or advances can have a negative impact on both genders. A student shall not cause bodily injury to another student or commit any act that degrades or disgraces any person: (See WSD Policy)

- ❖ On school grounds during, before, or after school hours
- ❖ On school grounds or any school sponsored activity, function, or event
- ❖ During school provided transportation
- ❖ On school grounds when he/she intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly commits an act or causes another to commit an act that endangers the mental or physical health and/or safety of another.
- ❖ On or off school grounds if the act(s) committed is/are for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, holding office in, or as a condition for continued membership in any organization or rank of the school.

Please contact the school administration if you have a complaint of this nature.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

It is the policy of South Ogden Jr. High School that schedule changes take place on a needed and case by case situation. If there are extenuating circumstances, the student and their parent are encouraged to first speak with the teacher about the situation. If the situation cannot be resolved, then a meeting with an administrator, counselor, and teacher will take place. Note: Just because things are not going well in class, getting a poor grade or citizenship are NOT extenuating circumstances. Please be aware that not all changes requested can be made due to lack of space, limited class sections, etc. Below is the schedule change procedure:

SCHEDULE CHANGE PROCEDURE

1. See the Student Services secretary for appointments and to pick up the schedule change form. Follow the directions for changing classes. **Form must be filled out completely and have all required signatures (Parental Permission).**
2. There is a \$10.00 fee for class changes to be paid in the main office prior to any changes taking place.

SKATE BOARDING/MOTORIZED SCOOTERS

Skate boarding is NOT allowed in the school or on any school property. Students are not allowed to ride motorized scooters to school or school activities.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND SPORTS

Students wishing to participate in groups such as student government, athletics, cheerleading, etc. must be aware that they are required to maintain a certain GPA (grade point average) and citizenship average prior to possible selection. The requirements for these groups are as follows:

Student Government	3.0 GPA and no F's
Cheerleading	3.0 GPA and no F's
Athletics	2.0 GPA (State Guidelines)
Citizenship (All Groups)	No more than 2 N's or a combination of 1N and 1 U per term.

These requirements must be maintained throughout the entire length of office or participation. Should a student fail to maintain the above standards, they will be placed on probation until the next quarter's grading period. If the required standards are not achieved during the probationary period, the student will be removed from the organization. A serious violation of school rules or behavior that brings discredit to the organization or the school may result in the student being placed on probation or removed from the organization.

South Ogden Jr. High provides a standards committee should the parents/guardians choose to appeal the original disciplinary action. The student will have the opportunity to present their case to the committee and the committee will decide on whether to lessen the original disciplinary action, keep it the same, increase the severity, or make any other

changes to the original disciplinary action that they see fit. (Contact the administration for more information).

SUSPENSIONS

Suspensions may occur when policies/rules have not been followed or actions are not in line with school and/or district policies, or state laws. Suspension has many purposes; cooling off period, punitive, correcting or stopping a disruption in school, correction of violations committed, assisting in a change of behavior, and/or allowing the educational process to run smoothly.

TARDIES

Tardies will be handled by individual teachers through student conferences and parent contact. Excessive tardies will affect the student's citizenship grade in that particular class for each term and often affect grades. Students/parents should keep track of tardies and work with teachers on tardy issues.

3rd Tardy = 'N'

5th Tardy = 'U'

6th Tardy = possible 1 day suspension (out of school)

Tardies also affect the student's citizenship grade mark and may make them ineligible to participate in various groups, clubs, sports, and/or activities. Students who continually violate the tardy policy of South Ogden Junior High are subject to student/parent/administrator/counselor conference, district-level referral, and/or alternative placement.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are issued by teachers and must be returned to the same teacher upon completion of the course or upon withdrawal from class or school. Take the proper textbook and other materials needed to each class each day. You will be responsible to pay for any of the books which are damaged, abused, or lost. Students must turn in the same book that was checked out to them.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR/ SAFE SCHOOLS POLICY

Fighting will not be tolerated at school, at school activities, on buses, at bus stops, or on the way to or from school. Students involved in fighting will be suspended from school and a parent conference will be held before the student can return to school. The police may be involved in any incident of fighting and will be contacted in all situations which involve a weapon. Multiple offenses will result in a school or district contract and possible removal from SOJH.

Theft will not be tolerated at school and will lead to disciplinary actions(s) and/or law enforcement action. The school is not responsible for items brought to school which are stolen. THE GYM LOCKER ROOM IS A HIGH THEFT AREA: Keep the gym locker locked at all times. SOJH nor the teacher is responsible for items lost in the locker rooms, so lock your locks.

The Weber School District safe school policy can be found with other on the district website under "Board" and "Policies" http://wsd.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=632&Itemid=641

TRANSPORTATION

Students who live two or more miles from the school area are entitled to bus transportation. For information concerning pickup areas and times call 801-476-7930. Safety precautions are a must, and all students must obey the "Required Bus Conduct" rules. These rules will be outlined by the bus driver. Any student who repeatedly violates these precautions will be denied the privilege of riding the bus. **No visitors are allowed on buses, nor are students allowed to ride on a different bus. There are no exceptions to this rule.**

Visitor Policy

Parents and other adults are always welcome to visit our school. **For the safety of our students** - All visitors ***MUST*** report to the main office upon arrival. It is helpful for parents to make an appointment prior to their visit. Students from other schools are not permitted to visit or attend school during school hours. No student visitor passes will be issued.

South Ogden Behavior Policy ‘at a Glance’

PROBLEM	1ST OFFENSE	2ND OFFENSE	3RD OFFENSE ON
Dress Code violation	Student asked to change; parent contact; tagged	Student, asked to change; parent contacted; tagged	Parent conference; possible suspension
Unauthorized use of cell phone or electronic devices	Confiscation; student pick up at end of day; documented	Confiscation; parent/authorized adult pick up; documented	Confiscation; suspension; parent/authorized adult pick up; documented; suspension
Fighting/Assault	1-3 day suspension; parent conference; law enforcement if needed; school contract	3-5 day suspension; parent conference; law enforcement if needed; school contract; district notification/contract	Long term suspension; district referral; law enforcement if needed; district conference, contract; alternative placement if determined
Harassment/Bullying – Verbal/Sexual/Physical	District Harassment Policy; possible suspension (length to be determined); law enforcement; school contract	District Harassment Policy; suspension (length to be determined); law enforcement; District referral/contract	District Harassment Policy; Suspension (no less than 10 days); law enforcement; District referral/contract; alternative placement
Insubordination/ Disruptive Behavior	Student/Teacher Conference; documented; parent contact; possible suspension	Student/Teacher/Administrator Conference; school contract; contact parent; documented; suspension	Referral to Administration; parent contact; suspension; possible District referral/contract; possible alternative placement
Obscene/abusive language or behavior	Discipline; possible suspension	Suspension; parent conference; school contract	Suspension; possible District referral/contract
Theft Destruction of Property	Restitution; parent conference; possible suspension; law enforcement	Restitution; suspension; law enforcement	Restitution; suspension; district referral/contract; law enforcement
Controlled Substances Tobacco, E-cigarettes, etc. (see WSD policy)	Citation; 1-3 day suspension; school contract; law enforcement; Juvenile Court referral	Citation; 3-5 day suspension ; law enforcement; Juvenile Court referral; Weber Human Resource referral	Citation; long term suspension; law enforcement; Juvenile Court referral; Weber Human Resource referral; District referral/contract; possible alternative placement
Truancy (continued truancy may result in district referral)	Loss of academic credit; no make-up work allowed; parent contact; possible suspension	Loss of academic credit; an “N” in citizenship; suspension; parent contact; law enforcement	Loss of academic credit; a “U” in citizenship; 3 day suspension; parent contact; law enforcement; possible District referral
Weapons (See district “Safe Schools” policy)	Immediate long term suspension and referral to District office; possible alternative placement		
This is not an exhaustive list and may be changed as needed. Please see Suspension section.			

SPARTAN PRIDE

Besides involvement in academics, athletics, intramurals, school activities, and student government, there are many ways by which students' success and accomplishments are recognized at South Ogden Junior High:

Academic Awards:

- ✓ Honors = 3.5—3.7 GPA for one or two years.
- ✓ Honors Spartan Award = 3.5—3.7 GPA for three years.
- ✓ High Honors Spartan Award = 3.8 GPA or above for one or two years.
- ✓ Outstanding Spartan = 4.0 GPA for one or two years.
- ✓ Spartan Hall of Fame = 4.0, GPA with no N's or U's for three years.
- ✓ Nomination awards include:
 - Kiwanis Hope of America Award
 - PTSA Citizenship Award
 - Spartan Citizenship Award
 - Earl B. Cragun Citizenship Award
 - Adrienne Thomson Award

Art Shows: Students can display and enter their art projects into various art shows in the district and state level.

Blue and White/Spirit/Pride Day: Many of our athletic events are scheduled on Fridays; therefore, students and staff members are encouraged to dress in blue, white, spirit, and/or pride attire to show unity for our teams and school on competition/game days.

Incentive Activity: Students who receive good grades and citizenship marks can qualify to participate in the Incentive Activity. In order to qualify for the activity, the students must reach the following criteria: **NOTE – Report card sent out constitutes the Incentive Activity's qualification and invitation.**

1st semester (November, 1st based on term report card) – 3.0 GPA with no N's or U's, no 'F's

2nd semester (March, based on 3rd term report card)– 3.3 GPA with no N's or U's or increase their GPA by .5 from the previous term, no N's or U's, no 'F's

Kiwanis Student of the Month Award – see your counselor for the criteria and forms.

MESA: This program is designed for students who have an interest in **Math-Engineering-Science**. It is open to all students with many of its focuses on encouraging girls and various groups of students to get involved in careers and futures focused on the three areas listed. After school, off campus, district and state activities, and competitions are offered as well as visits to universities and businesses. Hands-on activities are the key to this program.

National Junior Honor Society: Students who have gained and maintained a GPA of 3.8 or above and exhibited outstanding school leadership and citizenship may apply for this national organization. This group participates in a number of activities as well as service projects throughout the year. Service hours are required in this group, which can be completed with the group at school or individually.

Peer Leaders: Students who apply and are accepted into the Peer Leader organization are involved in many activities to promote student spirit and good, wholesome activities. These students assist new students to our school and create activities, posters, etc. that are conducive to assisting and increasing school spirit/pride.

Perfect Attendance Awards: Students with perfect attendance (**no absences or tardies**) will be randomly selected for prize drawings each month. Students with perfect attendance at the end of the year will receive a certificate and a gift card.

Performing Arts: Students who participate in SOJH's bands and choirs perform at various times throughout the year. Performances for elementary schools, festivals, district ensembles, etc. are just a few places that students showcase their talents in the performing arts.

Reflections Contest: Each year the PTSA sponsors this contest so students may display their many talents and compete with other students within the district, regionally, and state basis.

Science & Engineering Fair: This fair is for individual and team (2 students) projects to compete against other students from the district and region (WSU Ritchey Science and Engineering Fair) fairs, as well as the national level (INTEL/ISEF). Students who compete and are chosen at the regional and international fairs receive scholarships, monetary amounts, plaques, and certificate awards.

Science Olympiad: This team competes on a regional, state, and national level displaying scientific projects and expertise. South Ogden Junior has always placed very high in the State Science Olympic competition.

Show Case Assemblies: From time to time various classes, i.e. drama, band, orchestra, choir, art, etc., may invite other classes to attend a short assembly during a given period so they can showcase their talents. Teachers are encouraged to have students from their class attend if time permits and schedules are such that students are able to attend.

Students of the Month: Two 7th, 8th, & 9th grade students are chosen monthly by one of the departments in the school to represent students as a 'Student of the Month'. The six recipients – one girl and one boy per grade - are celebrated by having their picture displayed outside the main office and having a jumbo Jamba Juice of their choice delivered to them in class. During this time several other students are chosen out of the 'Caught In the Act' slips that have been submitted by staff members. These students have been caught doing something positive and out of the ordinary. Students whose names are drawn will receive a small Jamba Juice as a reward.

Super Spartan Sundae Extravaganza: Each month, faculty members nominate students to be honored at this activity. The nominations are based on citizenship, academics, and overall outstanding behavior in class and/or around school. The students receive an 'SOJH' Pride Pin and are treated to an afternoon sundae bar. This is held during the last period of the day.

4 Sport Award: The requirements for the 4 Sport Award are:

1. Athlete must participate in ALL four sports offered at South within the school year designated. A high school sport does NOT count toward this award.
2. Athletes must be up-to-date on the athletic fees, attend daily practices and compete on the team. Red shirt athletes are NOT eligible.
3. Boys must compete in football, basketball, baseball and track. Girls must compete in softball, volleyball, basketball, track or cheerleading. ****Athletes must participate on daily basis at practices and compete in a minimum of 3 track meets.****
4. Coaches & administrators will have the final input as to whether an athlete qualifies for this award.

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