

# Small Unmanned Aircraft System (Drone) Policy

## PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for the use of small unmanned aircraft systems (Drones) for any purpose and by any person on Bonneville Academy property. This policy will also be used to assist the School in promoting safety, reducing injuries, and complying with federal, state, local laws, regulations, and policies. In addition, the School recognizes its responsibility in regard to the protection of the privacy rights of students as provided in federal and state statutes.

## DRONE USE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

1. A School employee operating a drone on school property must be conversant with and follow all federal, state, local laws, regulations and policies governing the operation of drones.
2. A student attending Bonneville Academy may operate a drone on school property as part of a class explicitly designed for this purpose under the direct supervision of a School employee.
3. Bonneville Academy encourages drone pilots to register any drone used on school property with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

## PRIOR PERMISSIONS REQUIRED

1. Request for permission to operate a drone on school property directly related to an instructional purpose must be approved by the principal.
2. Request for permission to operate a drone on school property for a non-instructional purpose must be approved through a school director prior to each use.

## SAFE OPERATION OF DRONES

1. Drone pilots shall:
  - a. comply with and follow safety guidelines outlined in FAA Advisory circular 107-2;
  - b. complete a preflight check of the drone to ensure it is in safe condition for flight;
  - c. operate the drone only during daylight hours and only in good weather conditions;
  - d. operate the drone at or below 400 feet and remain clear of surrounding obstacles;
  - e. operate the drone within visual line of sight at all times;
  - f. operate the drone away from power lines, railways, or wildfires; and
  - g. operate the drone well clear of and not interfere with manned air craft operations.
2. A drone may not operate over any persons not:
  - a. directly participating in the operation;
  - b. under a covered structure; or

- c. inside a vehicle
- 3. A drone operated on school property may not:
  - a. weigh more than 20 pounds; or
  - b. carry hazardous materials or a weapon.
- 4. A drone pilot shall immediately report injuries and destruction of property related to the use of a drone on school property to his/her immediate supervisor.

**STUDENT PRIVACY**

Any video recordings of students created from the use of a drone on school property are an education record subject to protection under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

**UNAUTHORIZED USE**

A School employee shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use an unauthorized drone on school property during school hours or during a school-sponsored activity; and if necessary, shall remove anyone attempting to use an unauthorized drone and/or confiscate the drone.