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STUDENT HANDBOOK

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ABOUT THE HANDBOOK

Bethel Baptist Christian School has endeavored to make this school handbook as complete and precise as possible. The handbook has been written by the administration of Bethel Baptist Christian School. Since there is a possibility that facets of the school's operation have been omitted or that circumstances may arise that are not covered in the handbook, the administration of Bethel Baptist Christian School retains sole authority to make decisions over the omissions or circumstances in question.

PURPOSE

The purpose of Bethel Baptist Christian School is to educate and train the whole student: physically, socially, intellectually, and spiritually. Because the Lord requires a fit vessel, guidelines for personal habits, definite dress codes, and proper leisure-time activities are provided. The principle of self-discipline is the basis of our disciplinary structure. **Attendance at BBCS is a privilege and not a right. Students forfeit this privilege if they do not conform to the standards, ideals, and rules of the church and school whether they are at school or away.** We believe the student must honor the rights of others and respect the individual's freedom. Not only must a young person have his appearance and actions reflect the Lord Jesus (both at school as well as away), but he must also have wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to serve the Lord in a task He would choose. The Bible is taught so the student will develop sound values that will govern every step in life. Bethel Baptist Christian School desires to send out into the world young people who will be lights in this night of spiritual darkness. The objective of our school is to prepare full-time Christian workers to be thrust in to the harvest field.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

As a ministry of Bethel Baptist Church, without apology, Bethel Baptist Christian School holds to the church's statement of faith. A copy is available upon request.

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Our school is a ministry of the Bethel Baptist Church, designed to assist families raising up their children for Christian service. Our major goal is to produce Christians who have instilled within them Christian character and Christian leadership. We will accomplish this through three areas of emphasis:

To teach students the Word of God so that it becomes a practical and workable tool in their lives.

To instill in each student a desire to reach the lost for Christ.

To give a solid foundation in academics so that the student is able to effectively meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

ADMISSION

Acceptance: Bethel Baptist Christian School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. Any students admitted must agree to abide by our standards of conduct and the parents must sign a pledge of cooperation. Bethel Baptist Christian School is a ministry of Bethel Baptist Church, and as such will adhere to the same doctrinal position. Students attending Bethel Baptist Christian School must be members of and attend weekly Bethel Baptist Church or another church that holds to the same doctrinal position of Bethel Baptist Church. **BBCS is not a public school; therefore, students not faithful to church attendance may be subject to withdrawal.** Students must also live with their natural parents or a legal guardian. Any student moving away from home may be subject to withdrawal from school. Transfer students are admitted on a conditional basis until all transcripts and records from their previous school are received. We will accept credits for comparable class/credits (as determined by the administration) awarded from other schools. The administration reserves the right to review applications with extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

Accreditation: BBCS is not accredited by any State or Federal agency. Accreditation of a private church school is not necessary for a graduate of that school to enroll in most colleges or universities. Registrars of most institutions are interested in the academic merits of individual students not in the name of their school of graduation. Thus they evaluate each applicant's academic aptitude through nationally standardized tests. This school does not seek accreditation by any outside educational institution, but does endeavor to provide the highest possible academic program, and takes part in nationally standardized testing.

Admission Confirmation: A student's confirmation of admission is dependent upon the administration's review and approval of all forms, documentation, testing scores, and interview with parents and student(s). Parents will be notified of the student's acceptance or refusal.

Appointment: All parents or legal guardians of new students must set up an appointment date for an interview with the principal or administration before they can register their child(ren) in school.

Entrance Test: New students may be required to take an entrance test. Returning students are not required to take this test.

Probation: All new and re-enrolling students will be placed on a nine-week probation to determine their capability of maintaining the academic, spiritual, and behavioral standards of the school. If the administration feels that the student is unable to conform to any of these three, he will be subject to immediate removal without refund of registration, tuition, lab fees, testing fees, or book monies.

Psychological Assessments: The staff of BBCS is not trained, nor able to conduct or provide student psychological assessment, test, or review in any form for the purpose or use of any state agency or school. BBCS will not provide this service for any reason.

Registration: Open enrollment begins in April for the following school year. Every student must pay the required registration fee each year. Upon receipt of the non-refundable registration fee, required forms, and documents, a student is considered registered for the up and coming school year. Only if the school is unable to accept the student will the registration fee be refunded.

Fees for the current school year are as follows:

By April 15 = \$55/child

April 16-May 31 = \$75/child

June 1-June 30 = \$100/child

After June 30 = \$140/child

Signing of forms: Signing of registration forms indicates annual agreement with the student handbook, all philosophies, financial arrangements, standards, and rules of Bethel Baptist Christian School. These forms must be in the school office before the student will be allowed into classes.

Supplemental Credits: A BBCS student may not participate in classes or programs at another school or be homeschooled for credit during the school year or during the summer. Credits will be earned only at BBCS.

Tuition: See *Finances*, below.

Transcripts: Transcripts are required upon enrollment. Under certain circumstances a student may be admitted to attend classes prior to our receiving their transcripts; however, it is with the understanding classes may change to meet credit requirements.

FINANCES

Our school, which is an extension of Bethel Baptist Church, is not designed for profit. **Our teachers are dependent on the prompt payment of tuition from each school family.** Tuition may be paid in full or on a monthly basis beginning the first of September. The **grace period for overdue tuition ends on the fifth day** of the month in which a payment is due. Any late payment will be assessed at \$5.00 per week late fee. Since the payment of teachers' salaries is dependent on the tuition each month, no account can be permitted to be more than 30 days overdue. Children in school will be withdrawn until the delinquent account is paid. A financial withdrawal will result in the loss of all school privileges, such as senior trip, high School banquet, etc. No refund of money paid toward these activities will be made. Financial withdrawals may be counted as an excused absence (subject to the administration). No student will be accepted for re-admission until their total bill is current. Tuition fees (10 monthly payment periods beginning on September 1st through June 1st) are as follows:

Tuition: Non tithing Member or Non-Member

One child: \$2700.00 per year

Two children: \$4450.00 per year

Three children: \$5850.00 per year

Tuition: Tithing Member

One child: \$2500.00 per year

Two children: \$4050.00 per year

Three children: \$5350.00 per year

The school day for K-3, K-4 and K-5 students ends at 12:00 p.m. There will be an additional fee of \$50.00 per month for those who stay until 3:35 p.m. (There is no after school care for K3 students.) Please note that a \$30.00 fee will be assessed for all returned checks. If a family has two returned checks they will forfeit the privilege to pay their expenses to BBCS by check. (Only cash, credit card, and money orders will then be allowed for payment.)

Please note: It is understood that there are nine months of actual school and that the tenth payment is due on June 1st. The ten monthly payments periods are for your conven-

ience. If a student's tenth payment is not paid on time, re-enrolling your student may require a first payment on August 1st rather than September 1st, or payment based on nine payments rather than ten in the next calendar school year. The tenth payment for all graduating seniors and those graduating from K-5 must be paid **before** the night of their graduation. Also, those parents that re-enroll their children and pay registration for next year will have their registration put toward their tenth payment and will not be enrolled until the balance of the tenth payment is made. Curriculum expenses will be announced prior to the start of each year. **Students attending one day or more of any period will owe the full period's tuition.** Registration and book fees for the fourth child (and thereon) enrolled in the school are assessed; however, no tuition fees are assessed for those children.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

One of our chief goals at Bethel Baptist Christian School is to develop Christian character within each student. This will be evidenced by his outward deportment, whether he be at home, school, or elsewhere. Acceptance, as well as continued student status, will be directly affected by how a student conducts himself both at school as well as away. It is expected that all students will abide by the letter as well as the spirit of the rules and expectations of BBCS both at school as well as away. Failure to do so could result in the reevaluation of your student status and loss of the privilege of attending BBCS. An undisciplined life is largely an unproductive life. Each student will be challenged to accept responsibility for his assignments and will be expected to accomplish his work promptly and efficiently. This prepares one for a life of stewardship. Students are reminded that "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31.

Classroom Behavior: Students are expected to respect the authority of teachers and adults at all times. Unless otherwise instructed, students will raise their hands and be acknowledged before speaking. Students will not be permitted out of their seats without permission. Disruptive behavior is not tolerated in the classroom.

Personal Behavior: Students are to be honest and exhibit kindness and respect of others at all times. We expect our students to reply to adults courteously. They should behave as young ladies and gentlemen. No student shall use profanity.

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that is may minister grace unto the hearers." Ephesians 4:29

DISCIPLINE

Biblical discipline provides lessons for the students both now and for the future. Lessons of discipline include the following: teaching the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1:5-7); teaching students to stand alone for righteousness (Proverbs 1:10-19, 29-33); teaching God's laws of cause and effect (Galatians 6:7, Deuteronomy 11:26-28); and teaching restitution for offenses (Matthew 4:23-24, 18:15).

Purpose of Discipline: Our purpose in student discipline is to provide a foundation and to produce the character of Christ through the implementation of Biblical

principles of correction. According to God's Word, obedience to rules is designed to protect a person for God's best rather than for a life of surrender to the world. (Genesis 2:17, Romans 6:13)

Philosophy of Discipline: Our philosophy in the application of a disciplinary system is to exhibit a spirit of concern and control. Our concern is motivated by a desire for each student to travel in the direction that God would have for him. Discipline at Bethel Baptist Christian School is never carried out with a goal of hurting (or demoralizing), but rather to protect the student from unprofitable life directions. Control is also very necessary in discipline in that our disciplinary system is designed to be meted out with equity based not on who the student is, but on the basis of what principle and policy the student has violated.

Our goal in discipline is to match the consequences to the offense and counsel restitution to the offended party (Matthew 18:21-35). BBCS expects full cooperation from both the students and parents in the academic and spiritual education of the student. If, at any time the school administration feels that this cooperation is lacking for any reason, the student's privilege to attend BBCS will be revoked without refund of tuition or curriculum expense.

Demerits

Grades K through 12 are on a demerit system. Demerits result from a violation of policy and misconduct and the number of demerits is assigned in proportion to the offense. All students are subject to the demerit system. (*For list, see Demeritable Offenses.*)

We realize there are unintentional or first-time offenses from an overlooked area or an inadvertent policy misunderstanding; however, the consequences of demerits must still be applied to the fashion of the student's failure. In such case, a minimal number of demerits will be administered. In contrast, cases of deliberate disobedience reflecting purposeful or premeditated action will meet with full consequences of demerits. Demerits may be assigned by a part-time or full-time staff member of Bethel Baptist Church or Bethel Baptist Christian School. The demerit slip must be signed by the parent and returned with the student on the following morning.

Demerit Process Grade K through 6: After filling out the demerit slip, the demerit is given to the student the day of the offense and must be returned by the student to the teacher the following morning.

Demerit Process Grade 7 through 12: After filling out the demerit slip, the demerit is given to the office to be distributed in the student's homeroom the following morning and must be returned by the student the following morning in homeroom.

If a demerit slip is not returned to school the following morning during the designated times the student will receive a second demerit. The student will receive only one demerit for the demerit that has not been returned. Every demerit slip must be signed and returned during the designated times. If a student loses a demerit slip, the staff may (under special consideration) accept a written note from the parent, which includes the date, signature of parent, and an explanation of the offense in place of the actual demerit slip. Every demerit is recorded in

the school office and kept up-to-date on a daily basis. There will be a limit of one week from the date a demerit slip is sent home for parents to contact either the teacher or the discipline committee if there is a question concerning the validity of a demerit. After this time, the demerit will stand. There will be no review of demerits issued when a student is confronted with a suspension or expulsion.

Suspensions

A letter from the principal or administration will notify parents when their student accumulates a certain number of demerits. They are as follows:

Grade K-4 through 3: 30, 80, 130, 180

Grade 4 through 6: 25, 60, 95, 130

Grade 7 through 12: 15, 40, 65, 90

A student will be suspended for accumulation of demerits as follows:

Grade K-4 through 3: 50 demerits-one day, 100 demerits-two days, 150 demerits-three days. If a student accumulates 200 demerits in one semester, he will be expelled from our school.

Grade 4 through 6: 35 demerits-one day, 70 demerits-two days, 105 demerits-three days. If a student accumulates 140 demerits in one semester, he will be expelled from our school.

Grade 7 through 12: 25 demerits-one day, 50 demerits-two days, 75 demerits-three days. If a student accumulates 100 demerits in one semester, he will be expelled from our school.

It is reasonable to expect that the average student will receive a few demerits in one semester. For this reason, demerits accumulated in one semester will be erased at the end of each semester. This will not, however, be true of suspensions. There is no excuse for a student to be suspended. No student will be allowed to be suspended five times in one academic year. Upon the fifth suspension offense the student will be expelled. If a student is suspended four times in one semester they will be expelled. Suspension will result in loss of privileges (i.e. banquet, games, and personal holidays). Personal holidays taken prior to a suspension will result in the loss of the next personal holiday. Students are responsible for completing all work missed during their suspension. All work must be turned in the day the student returns to school and will incur a 7 point deduction. A suspension will also result in a 7 point deduction from the next test a student takes in each subject. Receiving a suspension will result in the loss of all privileges for the period of 5 school days beginning on the day of suspension. Any test that the students missed while being suspended will be made up the day they return from their suspension with a 7 point deduction.

Suspension Process: The suspension notice will be given to the students' teacher/homeroom to be distributed by the student's teacher/homeroom the following morning and must be returned by the student to the school office upon his return. The suspension notice is the student's note back into school once it has been signed by the parent.

GENERAL POLICIES

Academics

- A student's average will be considered passing K – 8th grade based on the core subjects: math, English, science, and history (with special attention to math and English). Students who do not achieve skills in math and English will continue to struggle as they proceed to the next grade.
- High school students not earning enough credits each year will be held back in the grade they are currently in. This would mean that they will be in the homeroom of the class for which they have earned credits. This situation would only change if the student either completed summer school at BBCS to earn the missing credits, or if the student earned extra credits in an approved learning center situation. At each semester the number of credits necessary would, of course, increase. A student enrolled in the General Diploma program must earn 5-1/2 credits each year to advance to the next grade. In the Academic Diploma program a student must earn 6 credits each year in order to advance.
- Our school policy for summer school or retention is as follows:
 - if the final grade average in core subjects is...
 - One F-Summer school is recommended
 - Two F's -Summer school or special tutoring is required
 - Three F's-Student is retained at present grade level.
- Permission from the school administration is required for JR's and SR's to drop or add a course after enrollment. Dropping and adding units may only be done during the 1st two weeks of a semester. There are no refunds on class fees if a course is dropped.

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to successful class work. A note from the parent must be given to the office within one day of the student's return from an absence, tardy, or early out; at that time it will be determined excused or unexcused. Failure to do so will result in the student receiving an unexcused absence, unexcused tardy, or unexcused early out. In the event a student is absent for a portion of a class they are responsible for the work they missed.

Absent: All students who are out of school more than 3 hours will be considered absent for the day. Students dismissed after 11:30 a.m. will be considered present for that day. All students who are not present a minimum of 30 minutes during a class period will be considered absent for that class. If it is necessary for a child to leave school early, a note must be sent to the office that morning explaining the reason for the early departure. Parents may then call for the student at the office and the student will be sum-

moned. Any student who is absent 16 days or more in one semester will be in jeopardy of not receiving credit for that semester's work. In case of an extended illness, the limit will be determined by the administration.

Excused Absences: Reasons for an excused absence include the following: illness of student, death in the family, and medical or dental appointments. Work missed during an excused absence may be made up within the same number of days the student has been absent. Church sponsored activities will be excused; however, work missed during this type of absence may be counted for credit only if all scheduled projects, homework assignments, tests, and quizzes are completed prior to the absence. A zero will be given for every homework assignment, scheduled project, test, and quiz not completed prior to the absence. *Exception: Students participating in incentive days are exempt from class work.

Unexcused Absences: It is important that the student be present for class. Sometimes, there are reasons other than an illness to be absent from class. Because of this, students are allowed to complete their work, quizzes, and/or test prior to an unexcused absence for only the first five (5) absence of the quarter. A zero will be given for every scheduled project, test, and quiz not completed prior to the absence. Work missed on the sixth and following unexcused absences will not be allowed to be made up. An accumulation of unexcused absences may forfeit a student's eligibility for an award at the end of the year. An unexcused absence will count as the student's personal holiday for that quarter.

Tardy: All students who miss less than 3 hours of school will be considered tardy. If a student misses 20 minutes or less of a class period, he will be considered tardy to that class. A note from the parent must be given to the office before a tardy to school will be determined excused. A student is considered tardy when he is not in his seat with his belongings put away. He must be ready for class when the class begins. Every student that arrives to class tardy must have a pass from a teacher or the school office. Failure to do so will result in referral to the school office.

Excused Tardy: Reasons for an excused tardy include the following: illness of student, death in the family, and medical or dental appointments. In the event a student is present for any portion of a class they are responsible for the work they missed.

Unexcused Tardy: A tardy is considered unexcused with the exception of illness of student, death in the family, and medical or dental appointments. Work made up resulting from an unexcused tardy will receive a 10-point reduction. Students will be given one day to make up work from an unexcused tardy. After one day, the grade will be a zero. An accumulation of unexcused tardies may forfeit a student's eligibility for receiving an award at the end of the year. Two unexcused tardies to school in one week will result in one demerit.

Early Out: All students who are dismissed after 12:00 p.m. will receive an early out. If a student misses 20 minutes or less of a class period, it will be considered an early out to

that class. A note from the parent must be given to the teacher/homeroom before school starts on the day of his early out. Failure to do so will result in the student receiving an unexcused early out. Early dismissals must be approved by the office. The person picking up the student must come to the office. The office staff will bring the student to the person picking up the student. Students dismissed before 12:00 p.m. are counted absent for the day, or 10:30 a.m. for 1/2 day students.

Excused Early Out: Reasons for an excused early out include the following illness of student, death in the family, medical or dental appointments. A note from the parent must be given to the teacher/homeroom before school starts on the day of his early out. Failure to do so will result in the student receiving an unexcused early out. Work missed during an excused early out may be made up within the same number of days the student has been absent.

Unexcused Early Out: An early out is considered unexcused with the exception of illness of student, death in the family, and medical or dental appointments. A note from the parent must be given to the office before school starts on the day of his early out, then it will be determined excused. Failure to do so will result in the student receiving an unexcused early out. Home work missed during unexcused early out can be counted for credit only if all scheduled projects, tests, and quizzes are made up prior to the early out. A zero will be given for every scheduled project, test, and quiz not completed prior to the early out. An accumulation of unexcused early outs may forfeit a student's eligibility for receiving an award at the end of the year.

Seniors leaving early: Seniors who have completed all PACE work for the year and maintain a passing grade in other classes may leave school after their last class. Seniors who choose not to leave early must stay in uniform and work in the Learning Center.

Personal Holiday:

- Each quarter, every student is permitted one day off from school. Here are some rules to remember concerning personal holidays:
- They may not accrue, if the student did not take a personal holiday in the first quarter, he may NOT take two in the second quarter.
- Homework missed during a personal holiday can be counted for credit only if all scheduled projects, tests, and quizzes are made up prior to the personal holiday. A zero will be given for all work, scheduled project, test, and quiz not completed prior to the personal holiday.
- Students receiving a suspension forfeit their next personal holiday in order to prevent falling further behind academically.
- Personal days may not be taken the day before or the day after Fair Day, School Camp, Spring Break, Thanksgiving Break, and Christmas Break.
- Personal holidays will count as an excused absence.
- Students coming in on a personal day to turn in scheduled projects, or take a quiz or test, must be dressed according to school standards.
- An unexcused absence will result in the loss of the student's personal holiday for that quarter.

Announcements

Bethel Baptist Christian School announcements may be made at any time from the pulpit of the Bethel Baptist Church, as well as through the school communication envelopes. If you are sick or on vacation, it is the parent's and/or student's responsibility to contact the office or student's teacher to see if there have been any schedule changes regarding school classes.

Awards

Awards are given yearly based on character and academic achievement. A student must be enrolled in BBCS a minimum of three-quarters to qualify for awards. A detailed explanation of awards a student may achieve is available in the school office.

The Bible

Since it is the purpose of Christian education to develop redeemed man in the image of God, Christian educators must point students to God Himself. Students come to know God by studying His revelation of Himself in His Holy Word and in His works. The Bible is not only the most important subject matter, but also the source of the principles determining the other subject matters and the way in which they are taught. The presentation of Biblical truth is thus not confined to a single segment of the curriculum, the study of the Bible, but diffused throughout the teaching of all subjects. The teacher's knowledge of the Scriptures controls his selection and interpretation of materials and determines his whole perspective on his subject matter. The Scriptures possess this privileged status in knowledge of God. All students are required to have a Bible at school. (King James Bible- 1611 ONLY).

Chapel

Chapel is considered part of Bible class. Chapel is held regularly for all students, at which time special speakers and music are presented. Our Pastor and staff are fully involved in the chapel program. The students are required to bring their Bible to chapel.

Damage to Property

It is expected that all damage, even accidental, will be acknowledged by the person involved and a plan for reimbursement made to the school. As well, any defacement of property will not be allowed. Students are not to write in grade books, attendance books, on walls, or furniture. Neither are students to take time to write "messages" or "draw" on chalkboards/white boards without permission.

Discipline Committee

If there is a question regarding the validity of a demerit, the parent may appeal to the Discipline Committee. The appeal must be made within one week of the date the demerit was issued. The parents must either write a letter of appeal or personally meet with the Discipline Committee, the student, and the teacher. (The Principal will determine the method on a

case-by-case basis.) Parents will receive a letter stating the decision that was made.

Grading

Report cards are issued every nine weeks to indicate to the parents and students the progress that is being made. In addition to the report card, a mid-quarter is sent out mid-way through each grade period to all students reporting their grades up to that point. All report cards and mid-quarters will be sent home in a communication envelope. If students have been absent (or for any other reason they have an incomplete for the grading period), they will have as many days to make up their work as they missed (see absence policy). After the allowed make-up days have expired, students will be given a zero for work missed; then their average can be calculated. For incomplete projects a maximum of one week (five school days) will be allowed for projects to be turned in after due date. Teachers will take off 10 points for each day student is late in turning in the project. If the project is not turned in by end of the grace period, the student will receive a zero.

If a parent or student has test or quiz keys of any curriculum used by BBCS, they must be surrendered to the school. Students using test or quiz keys for study or any other use will automatically forfeit eligibility for valedictorian or salutatorian awards upon graduation and will receive demerits for cheating.

Honor Roll: Honor Roll for secondary students will be calculated at the end of each quarter based on the following grades: math, English, history, science, and Spanish. Honor Roll for elementary students will be calculated at the end of each quarter based on the following grades: math, English, history, and science. All other classes will not be calculated in G.P.A. and thus will not count toward any privileges. An "F" in any class will disqualify any student from obtaining Honor Roll. In the Learning Center, a minimum of three PACEs per quarter must be completed.

The grading scale is as follows:

A+ 100-99%	B+ 93-92%	C+ 86-85%	D+ 74-73%	F 69% or less
A 98-96%	B 91-89%	C 84-80%	D 72-71%	
A- 95-94%	B- 88-87%	C- 79-75%	D- 70%	

Graduation

There will be a formal graduation for students successfully completing kindergarten and 12th grade at the end of the school year. This is a dignified occasion in which the clothing worn by the graduates from each class must first be approved by the administration. A Graduation fee of \$10.00 per K-5 and \$25.00 per Senior will be assessed to each student in addition to the standard graduation expenses.

High School Graduation Requirements: Twenty-four credits are required for Academic Diploma. Twenty-two credits are required for a General Studies Diploma. A copy of the credit/class requirements is available in the school office.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian medals will be given respectively to the two top students with a cumulative high school G.P.A. of 3.6 or higher as an Academic Diploma graduate. A Valedictorian and Salutatorian graduate must have earned 12 of 24 credits at BBCS and must not display any behavioral problems. Academic Diploma graduates will wear honor stoles to distinguish them at graduation from those who earn a General Studies Diploma. Students who earn 27 credits in the Academic Diploma program and earn a 94% average in core subjects will be eligible for an HONORS award. In addition, the word **HONORS** will be affixed to the Academic Diploma stole at graduation.

Hall Passes

No student will be permitted out of class during scheduled class time unless they have a hall pass. Hall passes are given at the discretion of the teacher.

Homework

Making up homework, tests, and quizzes is the responsibility of the student.

Homework will be regularly checked.

Importance: Homework is a very important part of a student's education. Homework serves three main purposes:

1. The practice and/or refinement of skills learned in the classroom.
2. The research and preparation for discussion of the next day's lesson.
3. To extend the effectiveness of the school by giving the student work to do at home.

Incomplete Homework: Any student who fails to complete his homework will receive a zero for the assignment and a demerit. Students who have an excused absence will receive the same number of days to complete the assignment that they missed during the absence. Students who have an unexcused absence will not receive credit for the assignment unless it was turned in prior to the unexcused absence. No homework will be issued on Wednesday, nor will Wednesday count against any make-up homework days.

Learning Center

PACE policy:

1. Students will keep the grade they earn on the 1st test. (no repeating PACE's)
2. The Learning Center supervisor will schedule the test day for each PACE. All students will take the PACE test on the scheduled day regardless of where they are in the PACE. There will be sufficient time given to complete the PACE before the test.
3. For those students who are not doing remedial work, goals will be assigned based on 3-10 pages per day depending upon the student's subject and length of PACE. Students will be required use the extra time after completing goals to complete homework from other classes or to study work from other classes. Students may work on extra PACE work at home if they so desire.

4. Students not doing remedial work will be required to complete a minimum of 3 PACEs per quarter.
5. For those students doing remedial work, a schedule will be determined for the number of pages that must be completed each day to be eligible for privileges.
6. In the Learning Center, students will raise their hand for permission to score or for any questions they may have. Students need to be ready to begin working as soon as the bell rings to begin class. Students will not be allowed to be out of their seats except to get dictionaries, to score with permission, or to do other tasks as prescribed by the teacher.
7. Expectations of students in Learning Center:
 - a. Students will remain in assigned seats except when permission is granted to get up.
 - b. There shall be no talking, note writing, eye contact, etc. between students.
 - c. Students will continue working while their hands are raised for the teacher's help.
 - d. Students at the testing table will keep their eyes only on their test.
 - e. Cheating will be defined as obtaining the answer by means other than the student finding the answer on his own through either reading or calculating. Memorizing the answer from the score key, writing the answer while scoring, marking PACE in code while scoring, obtaining information from another student, or using any other deceitful means will be punished according to the student handbook.
8. In the event of improper scoring, the following guidelines will be used:
 - a. Students will be allow up to 6 incorrectly scored answers with no penalty.
 - b. 7 - 10 violations will result in 1 demerit per scoring violation. (up to 4)
 - c. 11 + errors will be considered cheating. In the Learning Center situation, cheating will be handled in this manner:
 - 5 demerits will be given for the 1st instance of cheating.
 - 10 demerits will be given for the 2nd instance of cheating.
 - 15 demerits will be given for the 3rd instance of cheating.These violations are cumulative for the year. In other words, if a student commits his third act of cheating in the Learning Center at the beginning of the 2nd semester he will receive 15 demerits (not revert to 1st offense at 5). Any further violations will warrant a conference with the administration. They must correct all answers scored incorrectly.
9. Students cheating in any other manner than improper scoring in the Learning Center will be punished according to the guideline in the student handbook.
10. Passing in the Learning Center will be based on the same guidelines as the traditional classes: 70%

Medicines

All medicine (including cough drops) that is sent with a student must be turned in to the school office. Medicine brought by the student should be in a zip lock bag with the student's name and date, and should include dosage level and times to administer written on the outside. Students with asthma or any other breathing problems need to keep an inhaler in the school office. All prescription drugs must be maintained by the school office. Prescription medication should be prescribed for the specific child and should include dosage level and

times to administer. The only medication provided by the school and administered to your child with your consent will be acetaminophen. No medication shall be administered by injection except when a student is susceptible to a predetermined, life-endangering situation. In such an instance, the parent shall submit a written and signed permission statement. Such an authorization shall be supported by signed and dated written orders accompanied by supporting directions from the licensed health professional. A staff member shall be trained prior to injecting a medication.

Off Limits Area

Off limits areas include North, East, and West parking lots South of the educational building, auditorium, kitchen, and hallways – unless on school business approved by a staff member. Any student going anywhere other than where the teacher has instructed them to go is considered off limits.

Parental Notes

Students may not sign notes for their parents at any time.

Programs

Students are expected to participate in school programs (i.e. Parent teacher meetings, Christmas, patriotic, spring presentations, etc.), and they are expected to learn their parts and be prompt. A student can derive much benefit from such opportunities, not the least of which is learning to be reliable. Costumes may be required if a student does participate in a dramatic role. The teacher will work with the parents concerning provisions for costumes.

Requirements for student body attending school activities: School attire is not required for school activities; however, the spirit of the dress code is expected. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the activity and school discipline. Elementary students must be supervised by an adult when attending school activities. We would appreciate parents' cooperation in observing the school dress code standards while at church or on school property.

Projects

Projects are defined as work assigned in excess of two weeks. These projects are due on the date due **even if the student is absent**. The student must find a way to turn the project in on the date due in order to receive full credit for the project. These projects would also be due prior to absence in the case of a pre-arranged unexcused absence.

School Hours

School hours are from 8:25 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. Half day school dismissal will always be at 12:35 p.m. Students may not arrive at school earlier than 7:55 a.m. and must be picked up from school no later than 3:55 p.m. (or 20 minutes after school dismissal) Students may not enter the building before 7:55 a.m. Students should go to the appropriate waiting area. While waiting, they are not to go to lockers, restrooms, or to the water fountain.

- a. Elementary students should be seated in the lunchroom and wait quietly for their teacher to come get them after staff meeting has been dismissed.
- b. Secondary students should be seated on the bleachers in the gym to wait quietly until the staff has been dismissed from the staff meeting. Girls are to be seated on the north bleachers (closest to the lunchroom); boys will be seated on the south bleachers.

Half day students: Student's should be picked up by 12:50 p.m. The families of students picked up after 12:50 will be charged \$10.00 an hour up to \$50.00 a month. (See After Dismissal)

After Dismissal: We understand situations arise in which students are not picked up on time. BBCS has provided a late pick up room if you find yourself late in picking up your elementary child(ren). **Each family** picked up later than 3:05 p.m. (or 20 minutes after school dismissal) based on the office clock will be assessed a **\$10.00 fee** to be charged on the next month's bill. Each additional hour families will be charged an additional \$10.00. There is a \$10.00 minimum fee. Students who have permission to walk home should leave the property immediately after school. Elementary students will be in the late room and grades 7 through 12 will exit school and church buildings (unless accompanying a staff member) 20 minutes after dismissal. The school will not be responsible for student's grade 7 through 12 left on school/church property after school dismissal.

Snow Days

We follow the Pierce County Bethel 403 School District to determine if we alter classes for weather related reasons. Please listen to your local radio station or TV for an announcement. You may call the Bethel School District hotline for a recorded message at (253) 683-6001. We will also have a message on our answering machine.

Social Activities

In grade K-4 through 6 there may be classroom observance of special occasions, such as birthdays and holidays. In grade 7 through 12 there may be parties from time to time that have been approved by the administration. Occasional field trips may be scheduled throughout the year; parents will be notified in advance of such a trip and the costs involved.

Sports Program

It is a privilege for any student to participate in extra-curricular programs of the school. The privilege of participating may be restricted due to grades, behavior, attitude, accumulation of demerits, or any serious infraction of school rules. It is our goal to have athletes that possess character both on and off the field, and to ensure that mature Christian students represent our school.

- Every student will maintain a minimum of three PACE's per subject per quarter and a minimum 75% (C-). (If your student fails a class, but still maintains 75% (C-), they are automatically ineligible because of the failing grade.) For PACE classes/subjects,

eligibility will be determined based on the following criteria:

- Student's yearly grade
- Student must be on target to finish by the end of the year.
- Sample PACE schedule:
 - 1 ½ PACEs by 1st Mid-quarter
 - 3 PACEs by end of 1st Quarter
 - 4 ½ PACEs by 2nd Mid-quarter
 - 6 PACEs by end of 2nd Quarter
 - 7 ½ PACEs by 3rd Mid-quarter
 - 9 PACEs by end of 3rd Quarter
 - 10 ½ PACEs by 4th Mid-quarter
 - 12 PACEs by end of 4th Quarter
- Every participant must have a positive school spirit at all times.
- Every participant must attend all scheduled practices. The only exception is a written doctor's excuse.
- Each participant must travel to and from the game on the bus with the team unless the coach approves other arrangements.
- Each player is expected to be on time for all practices, games, and bus departures.
- School attendance is mandatory on the day of a game, unless cleared through the office prior to the day of the game.
- A suspension will result in the loss of any and all sports activities for the period of 5 days beginning on the day of suspension. Students will not be allowed to participate in practices, suit up with the team, go to away games, or sit with the team during home games for the duration of those 5 school days.
- Students who are ineligible will not be allowed to participate in practices and games, suit up with the team, or sit with the team during games. This will be in effect until the next mid-quarter or quarter grade is due from the teachers to the office and the administration sees that the student has pulled up his grade.
- All work missed may be made up for credit only if all homework/class work, scheduled projects, tests, and quizzes are made up prior to the absence. A zero will be given for all work, scheduled projects, tests, and quizzes not completed prior to the absence.
- Home game player/student dismissal will be no earlier than 12:30 p.m.

Please note: There will be a non-refundable sports fee based on the number of participants and anticipated expenses. This fee must be paid before a student will be allowed to participate with the team.

Stanford 10 Testing

Each year students are required to take the Stanford 10 test. A yearly standardized test is required by Washington State law and is used to evaluate the student's progress. Our school's scores are compared with those of other schools across the nation. Students absent during these scheduled days will be required to make up the test when they return. All work missed during the make up day must be completed prior to the make up to receive credit. Any work, tests, or quizzes not completed prior to the make up day will be counted as a zero.

Student Driving Guidelines

Any student desiring to drive to school must strictly adhere to the following guidelines or lose all driving privileges on campus:

- Must provide a copy of a valid Washington driver's license.
- Must provide a copy of vehicle registration.
- Must provide a copy of vehicle insurance.
- Must provide written consent from parents for student to transport other students of the same sex of Bethel Baptist Christian School other than their family members.
- Students may not sit in parked cars anytime during the school day (7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) once they have arrived and parked on school property. Cars must be parked between lines in the parking lot.
- At no time shall members of the opposite sex be alone in a car, except for siblings or students taking other to school if an adult or approved chaperone is present.
- Any reckless driving or excessive speed of a vehicle on school grounds will constitute immediate suspension of all driving privileges for the quarter on first offense, and for the year on the second offense.

Telephone

Students are not allowed to use the phone during school hours. Cell phones must be turned completely off during school hours. Please make all arrangements before school (transportation, lunch, P.E. clothes, etc...). Do not expect to call a teacher or student from class to the telephone. In case of emergency, a message may be left with the school office.

Withdrawal

All withdrawals from school must go through the school office. Students having attended one day or more of any month are responsible for the full month's tuition.

Dress Standards

The purpose of the guidelines set down by the administration for the appearance of each student is not to legislate morality (which must come from the heart) but rather to encourage Christian young people to be concerned with the Biblical principle of modesty neglected by many Christians today.

Proper dress also encourages and complements a serious approach to academic subjects by each student. We should ask ourselves these questions regarding dress:

- Is it modest?
- Does it call undue attention to itself?
- Does it identify with a rebellious element of society that is contrary to God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Dress standards always apply on church property or on church or school activities.

The administration reserves the right to be the final judge of clothing or fashions which it

deems inappropriate for any occasion.

All Students

- No T-shirts, blouses, or shirts with worldly logos printed on them are to be worn.
- No "mod, hippie, unisex, punk-rock, or gang-related" clothing permitted.
- Lightweight jackets or sweaters button up or zip up from top to bottom may be worn if they are cold during school hours.
- No hooded/pull over sweatshirts may be worn during school.
- All clothing must be worn "right side out".
- The uniform material is to be a "twill" fabric. No corduroy, silk, or form-fitting material will be accepted.
- The administration of Bethel Baptist Christian School reserves the right to make determinations concerning what is appropriate attire.
- Students may not add to the uniform. (i.e. hats, scarves, gloves)

Friday Casual Dress

Students who meet the requirements for "Casual Friday" may have the privilege of wearing casual dress uniform on Friday. The requirements are as follows:

- no demerits from Friday – Thursday
- no unexcused tardies from Friday – Thursday
- students must be in school at least one day of that week to qualify for dress down

It is the student's responsibility to be aware of demerits received the week before. Students will receive a dress code violation (1-3-5 demerits) if they have dressed down without earning the privilege.

Boys' Uniforms

General Guidelines:

Hair: Hair is to be neatly cut and tapered in the back and sides, not "block-cut." It must not touch either the ears or the collar and may not be parted down the middle of the head. Hair may not be closer than two finger widths from the eyebrows. Sideburns will be no longer than the middle of the ear opening. No "perms, punk rock, bowl, or fad" haircuts will be allowed. No boys will be allowed to change their hair from its natural color.

Facial Hair: Boys must be clean shaven. (church and school)

Suit Coats: It is possible that during the school year boys will need a suit or sports jacket.

Jewelry: No necklaces, bracelets, or earrings are to be worn.

Ties: Bow ties are not permitted. All boys are required to wear a tie on chapel days. Ties must be pulled completely to the collar.

Hats: Boys may not wear hats inside the building.

Shorts: No short pants of any length are to be worn on church/school property or at church/school activities without the approval of the administration.

Boys' Dress Uniforms

The boys' dress uniform consists of the following:

Shirts: Blue or white dress shirt with collar. All buttons except the top must be buttoned. The only exception will be for grades K-4 and K-5 to wear pastel blue or white polo shirts. Shirts must be tucked in. The shirt collar/tie must be visible.

T-Shirts: Solid white T-shirt must be worn under dress shirts.

Slacks: Navy blue or black dress slacks with side pockets and slit back pockets (not "patch" pockets). All boys must wear a dark belt with dress slacks that have belt loops. K-4 and K-5 may wear pants with an elastic waistband and patch pockets; a belt must be worn if these pants have belt loops.

Tie: Coordinating tie during chapel on chapel day. (Ties must be properly tied or clipped onto the shirt.)

Socks: Socks as dark as or darker than the slacks (no student may wear white socks with their school uniform). Exception: elementary students may wear white socks with their tennis shoes. Socks must be above the ankle and non-athletic.

Shoes: Dark colored shoes (no athletic shoes, work boots, or sandals). Shoes and socks must be worn at all times (except as directed on breaks for grade K-4 through 6 while playing in the gym). Exception: elementary students may wear neat, clean athletic shoes with their daily uniform.

Boys' Casual Day Uniforms

The boys' casual uniform consists of the following:

- Any color of casual pants such as Dockers or blue jeans that are clean and neat in appearance.
- Casual shirt with a collar. Shirts may be left un-tucked if the hem is square. Shirts with buttons must be buttoned
- except for top button.
- Athletic or casual shoes.

Boys' Wednesday Uniforms—Grades 7 - 12

(If attending BBC Teen soul winning)

The boys' Wednesday uniform consists of the following:

- Dress pants
- Shirt with a collar and tie
- Dress shoes
- Clothes appropriate to wear for a ball game or a casual activity would **not** be appropriate for Wednesday dress.

Boys' P.E. Uniforms

The boys' P.E. uniform consists of the following:

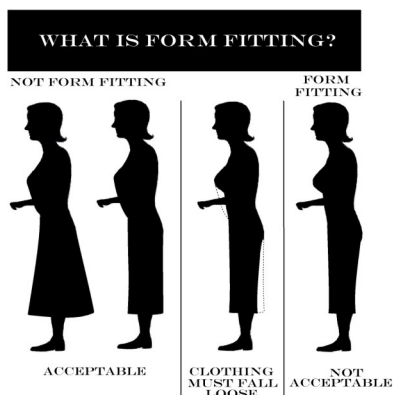
- Loose fitting navy blue or black nylon pants.
- Ash gray or navy t-shirt or sweatshirt. (no logos, emblems, etc.)
- Athletic socks.
- Athletic shoes. Cleats are not to be worn to school unless required by the PE teacher.

Girls' Uniforms

General Guidelines:

Blouses: Blouses are to be unquestionably modest (especially when bending over), non-see through, and may have only the top button unbuttoned.

Undergarments that are visible through blouses must be covered with a camisole or T-shirt. Underwear should be white or beige under light-colored clothing. The camisole should be white or beige. The neckline should be no lower than three-finger widths from the top of the collarbone. If the fabric clings to the skin around the midriff, it is too tight. Tops may be un-tucked provided they are neat in appearance. No sleeveless dresses or blouses. Blouses and shirts are to be made of woven material, not knitted. Slips must be worn to cover midriff if raising the arms or bending exposes midriff.



Clothing: Clothing must not be tight fitting or otherwise immodest. This includes low or plunging necklines or low cut backs. See pictured example.

Hair: Hair must be clean and styled neatly. No faddish, unisex, or punk rock styles are permitted. No student will be allowed to change her hair from a natural hair color.

Jewelry: Jewelry is to be modest. No ankle bracelets are allowed. No large, flashy, or dangling earrings (over 1½ inches) are permitted. Only one earring per earlobe is allowed. Choker necklaces are not allowed. Girls are not allowed to wear boys' coats, ties, watches, rings, etc.

Makeup: Makeup may be worn with discretion (high school only). No glittery makeup will be allowed.

Nail Polish: Natural, pink, and red nail polishes may be worn. No glitter is allowed.

Nylons: Patterned nylons or nylons with seams down the back of the legs are not allowed.

Pants: No pants are to be worn on church/school property or at church/school activities. This would also include leggings worn under a dress or skirt.

Slits: No slits are to be worn in skirts or dresses. All slits must be **sown** (not pinned) shut. This includes button front skirts and all clothes worn for school activities.

Skirts and Jumpers: Skirts and jumpers for classroom wear and culottes for physical education classes must completely cover the front and back of the knee at all times when sitting, standing, or **walking**. All skirts must be either "A" line or full. No straight skirts will be allowed. A slip close to the length of the skirt or jumper must be worn. No hip-hugger skirts are to be worn for any school activity.

Shorts: No shorts of any length are to be worn on church/school property or at church/school activities.

Uniform shoes: Uniform shoes are to be completely closed-in and worn with socks or nylons at all times. The heel is to be no higher than two and one half inches. Exception: elementary students may wear neat, clean athletic shoes with their daily uniform.

At any time the garment looks to be short or immodest the student will be notified to change the garment immediately. The parent may need to be notified in order for a new garment to be obtained. The student will receive demerits and will be unexcused from class while gone due to a dress code violation. Work made up resulting from an unexcused tardy will receive a 10-point reduction. Students will be given one day to make up work from an unexcused tardy. After one day, the grade will be a zero.

Girls' Dress Uniforms

The girls' dress uniform for grade K-4 through 6 consists of the following:

Jumpers: Navy or black jumpers.

Blouses: White, pastel pink or pastel blue loose fitting blouse.

Sweater: No pullover sweaters. Students may wear a cardigan with the top one or two buttons but toned or all buttoned.

Socks/Tights: Pastel pink, pastel blue, navy, black or white socks.

Shoes: Dark dress shoes or athletic shoes (no sandals).

The girl's dress uniform for grades 7 through 12 is the same as above with the exception that they wear a navy blue or black skirt instead of a jumper.

Girls' Casual Day Uniforms

The girls' casual uniform consists of the following:

- Any type of jumper or skirt including denim (A-line, no slit).
- Culottes made from the pattern available in the office.
- Socks, tights, or hose must always be worn.

Elementary Students: Any color blouse or pullover or T-shirts may be worn that meet modesty requirements with no writing or logo across the bust line. A print that covers the front of shirt from chest to abdomen is acceptable.

Students Grades 7 through 12: Any color blouse or pullover that meets modesty requirements. No writing or logos across bust line. T-shirts are allowed to be worn only if worn underneath buttoned or pullover shirt.

Athletic shoes or dressy casual shoes. No beach sandals or beach flip-flops.

Girls' Wednesday Uniforms—Grades 7 - 12

(If attending BBC Teen soul winning)

The girls' Wednesday uniform consists of the following:

- Any color dress, skirt, dressy dress, or dress jumper that meets modesty requirements (A-line, no slits, not form-fitting). No khaki, denim or corduroy.
- Clothes appropriate to wear for a ball game or a casual activity would **not** be appropriate for Wednesday dress.
- Any sweater or blouse that meets modesty requirements (No clinging, not low-cut, not see-through). No writing or logos across the bust line.
- Hose, tights, or socks must be worn.
- Dressy sandals as well as open-toed shoes may be worn.

Girls' P.E. Uniforms—Grades 7 - 12

The girls' P.E. uniform consists of the following:

- Navy blue culottes made from the pattern available in the office.
- Loose-fitting navy blue T-shirt or sweatshirt. (no logos, emblems, etc.)
- Athletic socks.
- Athletic shoes.

REGULATIONS

- The safekeeping of hardcover books is the responsibility of the student to whom the book is loaned. Loss or damage will be charged to the student.
- When an adult enters the classroom, students are required to stand unless directed otherwise. The only exception is when a student is taking a test or timed writing. Students may be seated when they are told to do so.
- Members of the opposite sex may not touch each other in any manner.
- All students are to maintain the six-inch rule. (The spirit of the six-inch rule is to protect anyone from injury or inappropriate behavior.)
- A student may communicate with a teacher concerning school work only during school hours, and on church/school property. Please refrain from taking care of school matters during church time.
- If a student is to be picked up by someone other than a parent or guardian with whom he/she is living, a note of explanation must be turned in to the office in advance. Verification must be obtained to guarantee the individual's identify. No staff member has authority to release a child to anyone other than the parent/guardian. Staff will refer all requests to the school office.
- Parents are to dress appropriately when visiting the school. Our dress standards are outlined in this handbook, and are requested to be followed by parents so that the students will not envision a double standard.
- Smoking is not allowed at any time on church or school property.
- If the office and teachers are notified in advance, parents may bring cupcakes and punch on a child's birthday. Please do not bring drinks with red dye. The red dye can stain the floors. No gifts are to be given at school.

- Bethel Baptist Christian School is a CLOSED campus.
- Students are expected to remain on the school grounds all day. During the lunch hour they should not invite friends to come and visit them. No outsiders should be on the premises during the school day unless they have business there that is approved by the school office.
- Special consideration will be given to school alumni if they receive permission from the administration and comply with the school dress and hair standards.
- All students are required to stay within the area that has been designated for lunch purposes during lunch hour.
- No handbills, literature, or sale of items are allowed on the school premises without approval of the administration.
- Students may not play with any sports balls before school begins. Secondary students may only play with balls 15 minutes after the lunch bell has rung. At all other times during the day, they may only play with balls if allowed to do so by a teacher.

Demeritable Offenses

The degree of punishment and recommended number of demerits for the items listed below are as noted. Blatant or repeated offenses will result in a greater number of demerits (1st offense – 1, 2nd offense – 3, 3rd offense – 5) and/or degree of punishment such as suspension or expulsion.

The administration reserves the right to judge case by case in determining the appropriate number of demerits or degree of punishment. Please note: Behavior away from the school does affect the student and they may receive demerits for offenses committed away from school.

The following offenses will receive 1 demerit:

- Cell phone on/using during school/unauthorized use of telephone
- Chewing gum
- Daydreaming/inattentiveness
- Disturbance in chapel
- Dress code violation
- Eating before or after lunch time and in classrooms or portables without permission
- Entering building by means other than an unlocked door
- Entering kitchen, gymnasium, portable, or any building without permission
- Failure to return signed parent notices, quizzes, tests, or demerit slips
- Garbage left at lunch table or lunchroom
- Out of class without permission
- Inappropriateness (questions, response, dress code)
- Incomplete home work
- Irresponsibility
- Missed appointments
- Name calling; verbal teasing or provoking
- Note Passing
- Off-limit areas
- Out of seat without permission
- Physical contact, rough housing, teasing
- Playing; horseplay in classroom, bathrooms, or hallways
- Playing basketball during unauthorized times (rolling balls across gym, playing before

- school, between classes, after school, before 3:05 p.m., etc.)
- Reissue admission slip
 - Running, pushing, bumping in line in the lunchroom, or classroom
 - Talking without permission
 - Tardy to class
 - Unnecessary disturbing noise i.e. whistling, tapping, or shouting
 - Unprepared
 - Untidy appearance, desk, book bag, locker, etc.
 - Waste paper left in or around lockers or in or around restrooms
 - Writing on skin or clothing
 - 2 unexcused tardies to school in one week

The following offenses will result in 1 to 5 demerits depending on severity of offense:

- Attitude: disrespect, envy, haughtiness, lack of participation, pride, rebellion, selfishness, slothfulness, ingratitude, expression of negative facial expression, gestures, slander, throwing up arms, whining, grumbling, etc.
- Biting
- Doing homework from one class in another without permission from teacher
- Dress code violation for immodesty and sent home to change
- Inappropriate literature (book, magazine, etc.)
- Negative comments about Pastor, school, or staff
- Tattling
- Throwing object
- Provoking a fight

The following offenses will result in 5 to 10 demerits (they are noted):

- Cheating – 10
- Damage to school property – plus reimbursement for repairs – 5 –10
- Dancing – 10
- Direct disobedience – 5
- Display of speed or reckless driving of an automobile – 5
- Fighting/Bullying – 10 demerits/or expulsion
- Inappropriate address to teacher, staff member, student, etc. – 5
- Lying/forging signature – 10
- Singing, humming, or whistling tunes associated with the types of music listed as “Listening to inappropriate music” below – 10
- Stealing – 10
- Unacceptable language – 5
- Unpatriotic behavior – 5

The following offenses will result in 10 – 25 demerits (they are noted):

- Attending movies at a movie theater – 25
- Inappropriate physical contact with the opposite gender (such as holding hands, kissing, hugging, hitting, kicking, etc.) – 10-25
- Listening to inappropriate music (including rock, Christian rock, jazz, rap, country & western, and any other music associated with dancing) – 25
- Playing hooky (ditching class or school) – 25

- Sitting or riding alone or in a group in a car with the opposite sex without a parent present (except for siblings) – 5-15
- Disrespect and insubordination to teachers – 10 – 15 – 25

Suspension

- 1st suspension – 1 day
- 2nd suspension – 2 days
- 3rd suspension – 3 days
- 4th suspension – 4 days
- 5th suspension – 5 days

Passing unauthorized petitions or assembling for unauthorized meetings may result in suspension.

Expulsion Offense

The following offenses will result in immediate expulsion from school:

- Abuse of school property or building
- Arrest or involvement in crimes
- Blasphemy
- Direct and defiant disobedience
- Extreme disrespect
- Fighting
- Gambling
- Immorality in any form
- Membership in any gang or unacceptable clubs
- Pornography (gestures, language, or materials related in any form)
- Possession of knives, firearms, or any other fighting instrument
- Striking a teacher
- Swearing
- Theft
- Use of illegal drugs or alcohol
- Use of tobacco in any way
- 200 demerits K-4 – 3rd
- 140 demerits 4th – 6th
- 100 demerits 7th – 12th

Attendance at BBCS is a privilege and not a right. Students who forfeit this privilege will only receive credit for the semester prior to being expelled. They will not be allowed to take mid-term or final exams or participate in any school-related activities. Once a student is expelled, the educational relationship is ended. Materials will not be loaned or ordered for the student. Students expelled cannot apply for re-enrollment until the following year. Returning expelled students and families will be required to meet with the Principal before reenrollment. If the student is allowed to reenroll, they will be on probation for six months. The administration will periodically evaluate the progress of said student, and may request the student to withdraw based on any misconduct.