

Parents/Guardians,

Here are some frequent policy issues that parents have questions about each school year; we would like for you to review and be further informed about policies before the school year begins. The entire handbook is handed out to each student at the beginning of the new school year as changes occur yearly. You can access the handbook by going to Bethel Public School's Webpage. It is listed under Quick Links – HS/MS Handbook.

1. School grounds will not be supervised and buildings will not be open before 7:30 am. The administration requests, therefore, you students not arrive before 7:30 am.
2. You were given a whole sheet covering the dress code.
  - a. No face piercings; nose rings, tongue rings, etc
  - b. Only regular size earrings in your ears: gauges and similar items are not allowed.
  - c. Tights and leggings are not intended to be worn as a stand-alone garment. They must be worn with shorts, skirts, or dresses that meet dress code length.
  - d. Tights or leggings must be worn under all jeans with open or frayed holes **above the knees**. Without them, NO holes are allowed above the knees.
  - e. All dress code rules apply for any and all school sponsored events, which includes graduation.
3. No outside food or drink is allowed. Bethel is a closed campus. (covered on page 20)
  - a. We have federal regulations covering what school children are supposed to eat while on campus.
  - b. Please do not bring fast food to your student during school hours.
  - c. No outside drinks or **drink containers** are allowed on campus.
  - d. Morning Votech students who elect to eat before coming to school need to finish their lunch before they enter the parking lot. Do not bring outside food or drink onto campus.
4. Visitors – In order to prevent interruption of classes, it is necessary for parents and visitors to come to the principal's office to receive help and sign-in for a visitors pass. Students from other schools are not allowed on the school grounds to visit.
5. If your student needs to ride a different bus home, we must have a **written note** signed and dated by you and then the high school office to give to the bus driver.
6. **For many years the policy has been to collect \$15.00 per year for class dues in lieu of having a class fundraiser. The money is due every year. Your student can pay these fees each year or all together if you prefer. All dues are required to be paid before they can attend prom or before they will be given their records and diplomas.**
7. Students are not allowed to check themselves out even if they are 18 or older.
8. If Gordan Cooper Tech Center is out of session but Bethel is in, your student still needs to attend Bethel and the same goes if Bethel is out of school but GCTC is in session, your student must attend Votech classes.
9. Students will not be allowed to loiter in the parking lot during any school sponsored dance which includes prom.
  - a. Students leaving the dance will not be allowed to return. They must proceed immediately to their mode of transportation and leave the property.

- b. No guest will be allowed to attend any dance sponsored by Bethel High School with the exception of prom which requires prior approval from the school principal.
- c. Students must be in good standing (Not under any discipline action such as suspension)

10. If seniors do not participate in Graduation practice, they **will not** be allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony.

11. **Academic letter** jacket requirements must be met by the end of a student’s academic junior year.
- a. Students must have attended Bethel High school for a minimum of two complete semesters.
  - b. Must be in the top 15% of class using weighted grade point average.
  - c. Must have a minimum of (8) credits or 4 units of weighted classes.
  - d. Eligible students will not receive an academic letter jacket if during their 4 year high school academic time period; they receive in-school or out-of-school suspension.

**12. VALEDICTORIAN HONORS**

- a. The valedictorians shall be selected from the senior class. Valedictorians will be **determined at the conclusion of the first calendar semester of the students’ senior year.**
- b. All students earning a cumulative weighted GPA of 4.1 or more will be named valedictorians. **(Total GPA is not rounded up. Students must achieve a GPA of exactly 4.10 or higher)**
- c. Each credit grade earned is given the following points: A=4 points, B=3 points, C=2 points, D=1 point, F=0 points. In weighted classes: A=5 points, B=4 points, C=3 points, D= 2 points, F=0 points.
- d. All valedictorians will be designated as such on their transcripts. Students ranked number 1 and number 2 using quality points will present the valedictory addresses at commencement. The “valedictorian speakers” must have been in attendance at Bethel for at least 3 calendar semesters and cannot be mid-term graduates.
- e. Grades awarded based on passing a Proficiency Based Exam will not be used in calculating valedictorian status. Class rankings based on quality points will be determined by the computerized student information system at the conclusion of each calendar semester. These rankings will remain on the transcripts of all students regardless of co- valedictorian status.
- f. **Note: Quality point rankings will be used only for Valedictorian speaker selection. All other academic honors and class rankings will be based upon weighted grade point averages.**

This list is not inclusive of all rules, just some major ones we would like you to review. Your student was given a Student handbook and all rules and regulations can be reviewed in it. The Handbook is also assessable on our school website.

Please sign and have your student sign verifying **you have both read and understand these highlights.**

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