

Bethpage Elementary



Home of the BOBCATS

STUDENT HANDBOOK
2024-2025

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BETHPAGE ELEMENTARY POLICIES

Bethpage Elementary has certain rules and regulations. These standards will act as a guide for student safety and conduct. These regulations do not constitute all situations that may happen during the school year. Various school policies will be changed or added by the school administrator and staff if the need arises.

SCHOOL HOURS FOR STUDENTS

7:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

School doors will open daily at 6:40 a.m.

TARDIES/EARLY DISMISSALS

Students must be in the school building by 7:15 a.m. when the principal closes the doors. Any student that is not in the building after the doors are closed **MUST** report to the office to get a tardy slip.

AN EARLY DISMISSAL IS ANY TIME BEFORE 2:15 P.M. BELL.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

<http://go.boarddocs.com/tn/scstn/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BEKLD453825C>

WHEN STUDENTS ARE ABSENT

Parents need to contact the school office daily by 9:00 a.m. by phone at 615-841-3212, or e-mail attendance clerk. If you send an e-mail, it can be printed and used as a parent note. If the school does not receive a phone call or e-mail, the school will make every effort to contact the parent the first day the child is not at school. For absences to be considered excused, a written note from the parent, guardian, or a doctor must be provided.

If your child is absent and you are needing their make-up work for the current day and not able to utilize Google Classroom, please call or message the school or teacher no later than 9AM to receive the work for that day. Make-up work will be available for pick up after 1PM. If a call or message is received after 9AM, the make-up work will not be received until the following school day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements will be made only at the beginning or ending of the school day unless it becomes absolutely necessary to make an announcement during other parts of the school day. Students are responsible for the information passed on to them in the announcements.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

After a student arrives on the school campus in the morning, he/she will not be excused to leave the school grounds before the school day is over unless a parent or guardian comes to the school office to secure the student's release from school. **TEACHERS WILL NOT RELEASE STUDENTS BEFORE BUSES ARE CALLED UNLESS THEY ARE NOTIFIED BY THE OFFICE. PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS, ETC. MUST STOP BY THE OFFICE TO CHECK OUT A STUDENT EARLY.** The office personnel will call the student to the office.

Students need to be in school the entire day to receive a good education. This will help provide a better education for your child. Arrange doctor or dental appointments after school hours. Students who are not walking or riding a bus must be picked up immediately after dismissal at 2:15.

POSTPONEMENT OF SCHOOL DUE TO BAD WEATHER OR OTHER REASONS

If it becomes necessary to postpone school due to bad weather or for any other reason, the announcement will come from the Director of Schools. The announcement will be made over the radio, on television, and through Messenger. DO NOT call the teachers, staff, or principal as they get the announcement in the same manner.

IN THE EVENT THAT SCHOOL CLOSES EARLY, IT IS THE PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IF ANY TRANSPORTATION CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONFERENCES

Parents/guardians are not to go to their child's classroom to conference with the teacher before school starts. Parents are asked to stop by the office and write a note or send an email to request an appointment with the teacher. Teachers have planning to do in the mornings. Students are dismissed to go to their classrooms at 7:12 a.m. Teachers need to give their full attention to their students. Remember, the school day begins at 7:15 a.m. and ends at 2:15 p.m.

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

ALL visitors and volunteers **MUST** come through the school office, sign in, receive a visitor tag, and sign out when leaving. To visit with the classroom teacher, you must schedule an appropriate time with the teacher. DO NOT go to the classroom for any reason without permission from the front office **FIRST**. This policy provides a safer school for everyone.

SCHOOL RECORDS

According to state law, all students in Kindergarten through 5th grade must have a Permanent Tennessee Certification of Immunization and an official birth certificate.

REPORT CARDS

Sumner County Schools uses Standards Based Grading K-2. Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will receive traditional grades. You can view your child's grades on Skyward at the end of each nine weeks grading period. Progress Reports are issued every 4 ½ weeks between report cards.

K-2nd Standard grading legend:

- 4 - An in-depth understanding that goes *beyond* the grade level expectations
- 3 - Mastery of standard at grade level expectations
- 2 - Performs basic processes and is progressing towards the standard
- 1 - With help, has partial success of basic processes
- M2 - Performs basic processes and is progressing towards the standard, below grade level
- M1 - With help, has partial success of basic processes, below grade level

3rd-5th

The goal is for every child to have comprehensive understanding by the end of the year.

Grading Scale

- A 90-100**
- B 80-89**
- C 70-79**
- D 60-69**
- F 60 and below**

GENERAL SCHOOL RULES AND POLICIES

The following school rules are in effect for the safety and well-being of all students so that they may receive the maximum benefits from the school day.

These rules apply to **ALL** students:

1. No loafing or playing in the restrooms.
2. Students are **NOT** to bring any items to school that are dangerous or hazardous to people. There is **ZERO TOLERANCE OF WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS.**
3. Students are **NOT** to trade, sell or purchase any items from other students at school. The school is not responsible if a student does not abide by this rule.
4. Students are **NOT** allowed to bring glass bottled drinks to school.
5. Students may **NOT** chew gum at school unless permitted by teacher.
6. There will be **NO** fighting of any nature at school.
7. Students are **NOT** to leave the school without proper permission through the office.
8. All school staff members will be addressed by students as Mr., Mrs., or Ms.

9. Every student in school is always to follow the instructions of all teachers and staff.
10. Students are NOT to run in the school building except in scheduled gym classes.
11. Please read the Technology Resources Policy in this book.
12. Students are NOT to bring tobacco products, alcohol products, or narcotic drugs to school or on the bus.
13. STUDENTS THAT SERVE IN-SCHOOL OR OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO ON FIELD TRIPS WITH THEIR CLASS.
14. CONFISCATED ITEMS MAY BE PICKED UP BY A PARENT.

BUS RULES

Riding the bus is a privilege, not a necessity. All students on the bus are under the authority of the bus driver. Students **MUST** obey the driver and the bus rules. Failure to do so can result in a child not being permitted to ride a school bus. Disciplinary action may be taken on students who break the following rules.

1. Disorderly conduct
2. Use of improper language
3. Out of their seat when the bus is in motion
4. Refusal to obey the bus driver's directions
5. Have their head or arms out of the bus
6. Tamper with bus parts
7. Make unnecessary noise
8. Other causes as determined by the bus driver to be unsafe.

PARENTS OF BUS RIDERS

Students who ride a bus **will always** be placed on the bus unless the parent/guardian notifies the office staff by phone or written note. If you need to notify a student about a change of plans concerning how or where they are to go after school, **THESE MESSAGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE 1:30 P.M. TO ASSURE MESSAGE DELIVERY.** If a student needs to ride a different bus, go to a different location, or any other circumstance different from his/her regular schedule, a note with permission signed by the parent must be sent to school. All bus changes must be completed in writing. The note must contain the child's name, street address, parent phone number, the bus number the child will ride, the child's destination, the reason for the bus change, and the date. The note will need to be turned in to the front office where a form can be completed and signed by the principal. Students will not be allowed to board the bus without a form. Additional information related to transportation and the school bus may be accessed through the number and web address below.

Transportation: (615) 452-1520

<http://sumnersschools.org>

PARENTS OF CAR RIDERS

****The safety and well-being of our students is important to us.**

Please observe the following rules and the speed limit on our campus. **

1. NO STUDENTS ARE TO BE DROPPED OFF OR PICKED UP IN THE PARKING LOT.
2. You may park in the parking lot at the front or at the rear of the building if you need to come into the school.
3. NO STUDENTS ARE TO CROSS THE CROSS WALK UNESCORTED. PLEASE! It is very dangerous for students to cross between buses and other motor vehicles.
4. NO PARALLEL PARKING IN THE PARKING LOT AND NO CURB PARKING.

MORNING CAR RIDER DROP OFF

IF BUSES ARE **NOT** PRESENT, STUDENTS MUST BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CURB IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING. PLEASE PULL CAR FORWARD TO THE END OF THE SIDEWALK.

IF BUSES **ARE** PRESENT, STUDENTS MUST BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SIDEWALK BETWEEN DOOR NUMBERS 5 AND 1.

AFTERNOON CAR RIDER PICKUP PROCEDURE

PARENTS/GUARDIANS PICKING UP ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A CAR TAG PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL, WHICH ALLOWS EASIER VISIBILITY, PROMOTES STUDENT SAFETY, AND EFFICIENT DISMISSAL.

CURRENT CAR RIDERS:

- ___ Student will receive a car tag during evening registration or the first day of school. If more than one person is responsible for picking up student, please contact office as soon as possible for an extra car tag.

CAR TAG RULES:

- Must be hung on rear view mirror or visor in a visible location.
- If there is no car tag, you will be directed to park in front lot to pick up your child from the office. Please have ID.

BUS RIDERS/BOBCAT DEN PARTICIPANTS:

- Contact the office or student's teacher to receive car tag **ONLY** if the student will ever participate as a car rider.
- If student will **ALWAYS** be a bus rider or Bobcat Den participant, a car tag is not needed.

LATE PICKUP

IF ARRIVING AFTER CAR RIDER DISMISSAL IS COMPLETE, YOU MUST COME INTO FRONT OFFICE WITH ID TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD.

ALWAYS HAVE A NOTE TO GIVE TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER FOR **ANY** TRANSPORTATION CHANGES. REMEMBER, IF YOUR CHILD IS OR WILL EVER BE A CAR RIDER, YOU **MUST** HAVE A CAR TAG. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS PROCEDURE TO HELP US ENSURE THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD.

FIRE DRILL PROCEDURE

The signal for a fire drill is the continuous tone of the Fire Alarm System. Students should do the following things quietly.

1. Go with their teacher to the designated area in an orderly manner.
2. Remain there until the all clear signal is given.
3. Return to their classroom in a single file line

TORNADO DRILL PROCEDURE

After the tornado alert is sounded, everyone will go to his/her assigned area in the hall. When students are asked to assume the Tornado Position, they are to do the following.

1. Face the wall down on their knees.
2. Remove glasses.
3. Place their hands behind their head and put their head down to their knees.

**** ALL ALARMS WILL BE TREATED AS REAL EMERGENCIES SINCE PROPER RESPECT FOR A DRILL COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE. ****

BATHROOM RULES

The following rules are to help prevent students from being injured.

- DO NOT CLIMB on the commodes, the toilet paper holders, the urinals, the stall walls, the doors, the sinks, the waste baskets, or any other fixture in the restroom.
 - DO NOT SWING on the stall doors.
 - DO NOT CRAWL under the stall doors or walls.
 - DO NOT RUN, PLAY, OR THROW any objects in the restroom area.
 - DO NOT PURPOSELY DAMAGE, destroy, or misuse any restroom fixture.
 - DO NOT WRITE on the walls.
 - DO NOT OVERUSE paper products or soap in the restrooms.
- Students are asked to report any rule violations immediately to their teacher, the principal, or other available staff.

ANTI-BULLYING RULES

1. We will not bully others.
2. We will try to help students who are bullied.
3. We will try to include students who are left out.
4. If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

For safety purposes and to protect our gym floor, students shall only wear TENNIS (ATHLETIC STYLE) SHOES in Physical Education class. If tennis shoes are unavailable, please communicate that with the physical education teacher so other arrangements can be made. Students can and may want to keep a pair of

tennis shoes at school. For safety reasons, Crocs and Hey Dudes brand of shoes should not be worn to Physical Education class. Improper shoes will result in students not being able to participate in some activities.

BOBCAT CAFÉ

The Bobcat Café maintains the highest possible rating from regular inspection by County, State, and Federal agencies. Breakfast will be served from 6:40-7:05 a.m. daily. After 7:05, the cafeteria doors will be closed so the cafeteria staff may begin preparing lunch. Students may purchase breakfast and lunch daily. You also may send money weekly or monthly in a **sealed envelope with the student's name, the teacher's name, and whether you would like the money applied to your child's breakfast, lunch, or special items account.** If paying with a check, lunch/breakfast/extra money must be sent in a separate check for the Bobcat Café. No other payments for school activities can be included with Bobcat Café (examples: field trip, fundraiser, yearbook, pictures, Bookfair). All money received by the Bobcat Café must be placed in the students' account. **A phone number must be on all checks.** Applications for free and reduced prices are available online or from the cafeteria manager.

If sending your child's lunch, please remember students are NOT to bring GLASS CONTAINERS, KITCHEN KNIVES OR PLASTIC KNIVES, OR CARBONATED DRINKS (IN A BOTTLE OR CAN) from home. Proper behavior and manners are to be exercised at all times in the Bobcat Café.

- Monitors supervise students. All students are under the authority of the monitors and must obey the school and Bobcat Café rules.
- Prices for breakfast and lunch are given out on registration day. Lunch charges are handled in the cafeteria. Students who do not have adequate funds on account or in hand at the point of sale can charge meals for up to five days (breakfast or lunch). After the 1st charge, the student will receive a charge notice and robocall each day there is a negative balance.
- **If food from a restaurant is brought to school to be consumed in the cafeteria, it must be removed from the original packaging advertising the restaurant. This is a regulation from the Federal Government related to the School Nutrition Program. It is not a school policy.**

BOBCAT CAFÉ VISITORS

All visitors must sign in at the front office to receive visitor badge.

Visitation at lunch is limited by school board policy to immediate family members. This is defined as parents, siblings, and grandparents. Extended family such as aunts, uncles, and cousins must be approved through the office prior to the day of visitation. Please limit additional guests to 2 in order to save space for other guests. The school reserves the right to deny visitation of anyone.

There is a special table designated for students with visitors. Friends are not allowed to join you and your child at the visitor table.

If you visit your child during lunch, you are **not** allowed to walk the student back to the classroom. At the end of the lunch period, you will need to sign out in the front office.

Please no visitors the first 2 weeks of school to allow teachers to get students into a routine and teach our cafeteria procedures and expectations.

No pictures are allowed to be taken in the cafeteria.

STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Students may possess personal communication devices, such as cell phones, while on school property. However, the personal communication device must be powered off and must be kept in a backpack, purse or similar personal carry-all and may not be used during school hours.

Smart watches are only permissible at BPE if **watches are turned to "airplane mode" (if equipped) during the school day.** Watches are used for the function of telling time only during the school day. The owner of the watch is responsible for its uses. If the watch is used to send/receive text messages, emails, or other functions other than telling time, then the watch becomes a "device" like a cell phone, and the current cell phone policy would apply.

The teacher/administrator may grant a student permission to use a personal communication device at his/her discretion for educational purposes within a classroom setting. A device used outside these parameters shall result in confiscation of the device until it may be released to the student's parent or guardian. A student in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action.

Use of cell phones or similar technologies shall be allowed in the classroom when such devices are used under the direct supervision of the teacher and incorporated into a lesson plan provided such use has been approved by the principal. No student shall be required to have such technology nor be penalized in any manner for not having such technology. The use of any such technology shall be governed by Policy IFAF, Student Use of Technology resources, when being used in conjunction with this provision.

Students may carry cell phones and personal communication devices while participating in off-campus activities, such as field trips, if specifically authorized by the teacher. Principals may authorize the use of these devices in the event of an emergency or serious situation.

Use of cameras on personal communication devices is strictly prohibited on school property or at school functions, including restrooms or locker rooms. A student in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action.

Personal Electronic Devices

Personal electronic devices should be stored in backpacks, purses or personal carry-all. However, the use of the devices during school hours is strictly forbidden unless such devices are being used for an educational purpose. Use or improper storage of the personal electronic device may result in confiscation of the device

until it may be released. A student in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action.

HEAD LICE

Head lice do not transmit any disease agent and do not hop or fly. They crawl, and in most cases, transmission occurs by direct head-to-head contact with an infected person. Possible, but much less likely is the indirect spread by combs, hats, etc....used by the infested person.

Other health policies to follow:

- Never drink after another student from a bottle, can, glass, or cup.
- Never take a bite of someone else's food.
- Never touch a rash or sore on someone else.
- Always cover your mouth or nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Always wash your hands after using the restroom and after P.E.

SEND HOME - STAY HOME GUIDELINES

Fever

Fever is generally defined as a core body temperature of 100.4F or greater (not 104). A reading of 100F or more with any thermometer is a fever.

Your child should be without fever for a full 24 hours, without fever-reducing medication, before returning to school. This is because sick children often do not develop fever until the afternoon or evening. If your child has fever, do not give a fever-reducing medication (Tylenol, Advil, etc.) then send them to school.

Vomiting

If your child vomits in the morning, observe them for at least 1 hour before sending him to school. If they have no further episodes and can eat a light meal, they may go to school. If they have a second episode, keep them home. Your child should be free from vomiting episodes for a full 24 hours prior to returning to school.

Diarrhea

A child with one episode of mild diarrhea may be able to go to school, but if they need to go to the toilet more frequently than usual due to loose stools, they should stay home. Vomiting and diarrheal illnesses are extremely contagious, so make sure they wash their hands with soap and water after toileting and before eating. Your child should be free from diarrheal episodes for a full 24 hours prior to returning to school.

Sore Throat

Most sore throats occur due to a mild viral illness and will self-resolve. If a child has **no** fever and does not feel otherwise ill, they may attend school. If the sore throat is accompanied by other symptoms such as headache, stomachache, and/or

rash, the child should see their healthcare provider to rule out strep throat or other illnesses.

Runny Nose or Cough

Most runny noses and coughs are due to mild viral illnesses which will self-resolve. If the child has no fever and feels otherwise well, they may attend school. If your child is sick enough to sleep extra hours during the day due to symptoms, they should stay home. This typically occurs during the first 2 or 3 days of an illness. If a runny nose or cough lasts longer than 10-14 days or worsens instead of improving, they may need to see their healthcare provider.

Red or Runny Eyes

Bacterial conjunctivitis ("pink eye") is a contagious infection of the lining of the eyeball and eyelids. Symptoms are redness of the white of the eye, swelling of the eye or eyelids, and discharge which is typically cloudy or yellowish green. If your child wakes up with eyelids "glued together" with discharge, call your doctor and keep your child home. Careful hand washing is essential with bacterial conjunctivitis. **If it is conjunctivitis they may return to school after they are treated for 24 hours.**

Rashes

Scabies is a common, very itchy rash caused by a mite burrowing under the skin surface. Small bumps or raised lines are visible on the forearms and hands, and on the trunk and groin area. Often other family members have it as well. Your healthcare provider should see your child if you suspect scabies. **If diagnosed with scabies, upon return to school, your child must bring a note from the doctor as proof of treatment.**

Impetigo is a contagious superficial skin infection which looks like a crusty yellowish scab or sometimes a large blister. It can be seen anywhere on the skin but is often found around the nostrils and lips. Your healthcare provider should see your child if you suspect impetigo.

Staph Infection/MRSA are commonly seen in school-aged children. Usually, it manifests as a pink or red, firm, very sore area. It may or may not have a "head" on it. Your child's healthcare provider should see your child if you suspect a staph infection. **Upon return to school, please provide proof of treatment and lesions must be covered.**

Fifth's Disease is a common viral rash which causes bright red cheeks ("slapped cheek disease"), followed by a pink, flat, lacey-appearing rash on the upper arms and tops of the thighs. Most children feel well with it, and once they develop the rash, they are no longer contagious. **They may attend school.**

Ringworm is not a worm it's a contagious infection caused by a fungus. Symptoms are small, red, raised, scaly spots that are itchy and grow in a circular pattern. Ringworm can be treated with anti-fungal creams, over the counter, such as

Tinactin, Micatin or Lotrimin. **Your child may return once ringworm treatment has begun, and it must be covered.**

This covers some, not all, conditions that may require your child be sent home. Our school nurse's goal is to keep your child in school at their optimal health. Please call your school nurse with any questions or concerns.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY ON MEDICATION

All prescription drugs given at school shall be prescribed by a licensed prescriber on an individual basis as determined by the child's health display.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION must be brought to school in the original, pharmacy labeled container. The container shall display the following information.

- Child's Name
- Prescription Number
- Medication Name and Dosage
- Administration Route or Other Directions
- Date
- Licensed Prescriber Name
- Pharmacy Name, Address, and Phone Number

All prescription medications require a completed parental/guardian request signed by the doctor. This form is available in the school office.

All prescriptions for long term medication shall be renewed annually.

Changes in prescription medication shall have written authorization from the licensed prescriber and from the parent. The change will be noted on the medication administration record. Only an RN or an LPN can make changes on the medication administration record. Changes can include but are not limited to time, dose, addition, discontinuation, etc.

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION GIVEN IN SCHOOL

- Bring in the original, unopened container with the label listing the ingredients and the dosing schedule and with the student's name affixed to the container.
- Require a completed parental/guardian request which is available in the school office.

FUNDRAISERS

Fundraisers are necessary for the survival of our school. The proceeds will be used to provide essential learning materials and supplies. Information concerning any fundraisers will be sent home with each student.

MONEY

Any money sent to school should be in an envelope with the **student's name, teacher's name, and purpose written on the envelope**. If you are sending a check to school for lunch or breakfast, it must be separate from any other money sent

to the school. Students should not bring large amounts of extra money to school. Most money is lost through carelessness. If you bring money to school, take care of it. The school is not responsible for money that is lost or stolen.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Cubbies and other storage areas and containers and packages brought into the school by students or visitors are subject to search for drugs, drug paraphernalia, dangerous weapons, or any property which is not properly in the possession of the students or the visitors.

Vehicles parked on school property are subject to search for drugs, drug paraphernalia, or dangerous weapons.

POLICY REGARDING SCHOOL PROPERTY

Bethpage school campus is reserved for students during school hours from 6:40 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Bobcat Den is an extension of the school day. To reduce liability due to accidents and other possible occurrences that the school cannot be responsible for, the public is NOT permitted to be on school grounds during the hours of operation.

Unless a student is enrolled in Bobcat Den, attending tutoring, or other approved school activity, he or she CANNOT be on school property from 2:15 p.m. until 6 p.m. without adult supervision.

Dress Code



Values

- Commit to minimizing personal distractions to prioritize learning.
- Communicate clear dress code expectations to preserve a positive learning environment.
- Cultivate relationships between staff, students, and families.

Goals

- Ensure students' class time is minimally impacted by dress code violations.
- Use consistent discipline practices.
- Encourage students' to express individual styles that are appropriate for school.

Basic Principles

The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and families. The school district and individual schools are responsible for seeing that students' clothing choices do not interfere with the health, safety, and learning for any student.

1. **Basic Principle: Certain body parts must be covered for *all* students.**
 - Clothing must be worn in such a way that undergarments are covered at all times. TN law prohibits exposing body parts in an indecent manner that disrupts the learning environment.
2. **Students MUST Wear**
 - Tops
 - must have sleeves or **wide** straps at the shoulder
 - non-see through fabric from underarm to waistband
 - overlap waistband
 - hoods must remain down
 - Bottoms
 - sweatpants, non-see through leggings, yoga pants, jeans, pants
 - holes or tears must be below mid-thigh as a halfway point between the hip and knee
 - leggings or yoga pants must be paired with tops that extend past the student's wrist with arms by their side
 - shorts, skirts, dresses
 - mid-thigh as a halfway point between the hip and knee
 - Shoes
 - students' shoes must be secured as designed
 - elementary students' shoes must have heel straps

3. Student **MAY** Wear

(Within the guidelines provided in section 1 and 2)

- Hooded tops
- Jeans
- Skinny jeans
- Pants
- Yoga pants
- Leggings
- Shorts
- Sandals, slides, tennis shoes, boots
- Non-natural hair color
- Religious headwear
- Hats
 - Outdoors on school property
 - Special occasion days
 - Health and/or safety requirements for certain classes

4. Students **CANNOT** Wear

- Images, logos, or language depicting drugs, alcohol, illegal items or activities
- Images of violence, demeaning or derogatory speech, profanity, or pornography
- Sleepwear or slippers
- Shoes with wheels
- Clothing that reveals undergarments
- Accessories that are considered a weapon, pose a threat, or are a potential safety hazard
- Items that hide any part of the face (except as a religious observance or medical reasons)
 - Examples include but are not limited to medical masks, bandanas, and hoods
- Articles of clothing that are not compliant with section 1 and/or 4

School Agreements

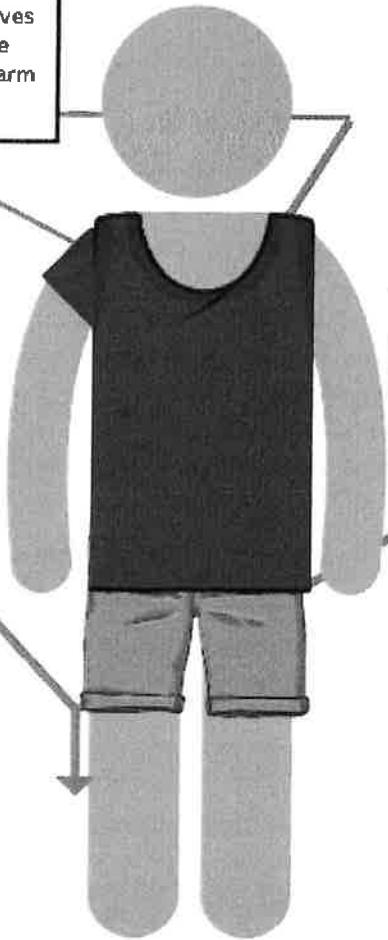
- Ensure ALL students are treated equitably.
- Clearly convey dress code guidelines to students and families in a variety of ways.
 - ie. student handbook, social media, posters, announcements etc.
- Maintain a safe learning environment where protective clothing, shoes, & accessories are needed.
 - ie. eye wear in chemistry, athletic shoes in PE, etc.
- Exceptions for attire for special occasions is at the discretion of the administrative team.
 - ie. school-wide programs, special performances, or dress up days etc.
- Students out of compliance, section 1 and/or 4, deemed by the administrative team, options are:
 - Students will be asked to change into their own alternative clothing.
 - Students' guardian(s) will be contacted and asked to provide alternative clothing.
 - If available, alternative clothing may be provided by the school. (Optional)
- If a student refuses to change or is a habitual offender, the school administration has the right to assign consequences.

Dress Code Guidelines

Shirt/dress must have sleeves or wide straps with non-see through fabric from underarm to waistband.

Shirt should overlap waistband.

Shorts, skirts, and dresses should come to the mid-thigh or longer.



Dress Code Guidelines



Tops paired with leggings or yoga pants should extend past the student's wrist with arms by their sides.

