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“There is only one thing to do about anything, and that is to do the right thing. When you come to where the road parts, stop long enough to ask just this one question and answer it: 'Which is the right road?' Don't ask anything else. And when you ask that question and answer that question and decide in the presence of God which is the right road, just go down that road. Just do right! Do right if the stars fall. Do right if there are a million guns mounted upon hell's battlements turned loose on you. Just do right!”

Dr. Bob Jones

SCHOOL COLORS

Crimson, Gray and White

MASCOT

Warriors

SCHOOL VERSE

*“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life,
whereunto thou are also called,
and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”*
I Timothy 6:12

SCHOOL MOTTO

Fighting the good fight of faith

SCHOOL SONG

*Bethel Warriors, stand firmly together. Fight the good fight assisting each other.
In honor we live today and forever, With Warrior courage of past brothers and sisters.
Live for Christ, and bear the good fruit. With God as our strength, we'll forever be true!*

HOW WE BECAME THE WARRIORS

During the 1991-1992 school year, the Student Council felt that as a private Christian Church school, Bethel Baptist School should have a mascot, which could have associated with it a verse from the Bible. From the verse could be derived a motto which would create esprit de corps among the students and would encourage the students to be a good testimony of our Savior Jesus Christ. After the Student Council narrowed the selection of mascots, school verse and colors down to two, the entire school and staff voted on which one they liked the best. The "Warriors", 1 Timothy 6:12, and Crimson, Gray and White were overwhelmingly chosen by the student body and staff. The new school mascot, verse, motto, and colors were put into effect at the beginning of the 1992-1993 school year.

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INTRODUCTION

Bethel Baptist School was founded in 1967 as a ministry of Bethel Baptist Church of Santa Ana, California. Since that time, the school has maintained the goal of providing a quality Christian education.

Our academic program is college preparatory. Students are provided every class necessary to enter the college of their choice provided their performance is conducive to college acceptance criteria.

The faculty and staff of Bethel Baptist School are members of Bethel Baptist Church. They are well qualified both spiritually and academically and have been carefully and prayerfully selected.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to help train your child. This is a privilege we are honored to share with you. We realize that apart from God's leadership and wisdom, it is not possible to attain our goals; therefore, we ask that you pray for us daily.

This handbook is divided into sixteen sections. All students and parents are required to read and be familiar with it.

MISSION

The mission of Bethel Baptist School's Junior and Senior High School is to provide a God honoring, Christ-centered, Bible based, college preparatory education for sixth through twelfth grade students. We endeavor to accomplish this by seeking to assure that each student has a personal relationship with Christ, educating each student through superior academic and extracurricular programs, ministering to the family each child represents, and helping each student find God's will for his or her life.

VISION

Bethel Baptist School is a community of learners where knowledge is applied and all students and staff are supported in continual personal and spiritual growth, scholarship, and leadership.

Bethel Baptist School provides an environment that is Christ honoring, safe, welcoming, and challenging; where everyone has a voice, a sense of belonging, and school pride.

Bethel Baptist School actively reaches out to our parents and families with the Gospel, involving them in the learning process.

SCHOOLWIDE STUDENT GOALS

Bethel Baptist High School will prepare its graduates to be:

Critical Thinkers

- Access, organize, process, and evaluate information
- Develop and apply problem solving and decision making skills
- Formulate decisions based on principles from the Word of God

Cooperative Citizens

- Contribute and function responsibly in various group activities in and out of the classroom
- Use collaborative efforts to contribute to peer learning
- Demonstrate integrity, respectful behavior, self-motivation, and self-discipline
- Develop the ability to relate to individuals and situations in a Scriptural and loving way

Competent Communicators

- Demonstrate proficiency in reading, listening, speaking, writing, viewing, and presenting
- Incorporate technology, whenever possible, to enhance communication
- Communicate persuasively using well-rounded facts, theory, and opinion
- Communicate artistically through style, organization, and development of content
- Explain the Biblical worldview that looks at life, government, social issues, diverse cultures, and world events
- Develop the ability to relate to individuals and situations in a Scriptural and loving way

Conscientious Learners

- Set high standards and challenging goals
- Demonstrate awareness that physical fitness is developed through regular exercise and proper eating habits
- Make correct choices by the daily application of Biblical principles to everyday life through Bible reading and prayer
- Determine and use personal gifts from God to His honor and glory

PHILOSOPHY

Education at Bethel Baptist School is based on the Christian traditional approach in contrast to the humanistic, progressive systems of education. We believe the Christian traditional approach provides the students with the best possible programs and methods of study. We seek to impart to each student Christian character development, communicative skills of language, and subject matter in harmony with God's truth and wisdom in the various academic disciplines. The objective of Christian education is to develop students to be articulate, knowledgeable, and of good Christian character.

We believe that the content of Christian education must be in harmony with "whatsoever things are true,... honest,... just,... pure, [and]... lovely," (Philippians 4:8). We believe that the classroom methods should be teacher directed (Deuteronomy 6:7), with the student acquiring knowledge through studying (II Timothy 2:15), researching (John 5:39), reasoning (Acts 24:25), relating (Luke 24:27), and recording (III John 12).

We believe the Scriptures give us the true view of God and man. The Scriptures tell us that God is orderly and it is He who created man and the universe and that He is the Author of the order, reason, and reality that are reflected in the universe. Christian traditional education is rooted in objective reality and absolutes, as opposed to relativism. All truth is God's truth.

Christian education must deal with the social, physical, and the spiritual, as well as the academic dimensions of the student. Thus, the academic programs of Bethel Baptist School are only a part of the educational process. The essence of a disciple of Christ is self-denial (Titus 2:12) and self-discipline. Our chapel services and Bible classes are a vital part of our Christian training program; the classroom instruction supports and reinforces that training. The student is taught the Christian philosophy of life, so that he is armed "lest any man spoil [him] through philosophy and vain deceit" (Colossians 2:8).

Through Christian education, the student must be brought to "unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13). Thus, the Bethel graduate is able to be an effective witness for Christ, is academically equipped, and is able to manifest the fruit of the Spirit in his daily life.

Doctrinal Statement

Scriptures: We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Bible. The Old and New Testaments are definitely inspired word for word. We use the King James Version of the Bible. The Scripture is the final Authority in all matters of faith and practice.

Sovereign God: God is a person, eternally existing, as a Trinity in unity -Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - three Persons and yet but one God. (Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, I Corinthians 8:6).

Son: Jesus Christ, eternally existing, is the only begotten Son of God, Who became a man totally apart from sin, being conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true man. (Luke 1:30-35; John 1:1-15; Philippians 2:5-8; Colossians 1:15).

Sin: Man was created in the image of God but fell through sin, bringing not only physical death but also spiritual death - separation from God. Now all mankind is totally depraved, having inherited a sinful nature, is bent toward sinning, and has become sinful in thought, word, and deed. (Genesis 1:26,27; 2:16,17; 3:6-19; Romans 3:10-23; 6:23)

Sacrifice: The Lord Jesus Christ suffered and died as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He arose from the dead in the body in which He was crucified; He ascended into Heaven in the glorified body where He is seated at the right hand of God the Father as Head of the Church, making intercession for the saints as our High Priest. (Luke 24; Acts 1:9-11; Romans 5:8-10; Ephesians 1:20-23, I Peter 3:18)

Salvation: Man is lost and must be born again to enter the Kingdom of God. Salvation is by grace alone through personal faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross. (John 1:12; 3:3-7; Ephesians 2:8,9)

Service: The local church is a group of believers baptized by immersion in water, banded together for edification, exhortation, and evangelism as commanded by Christ in the Great Commission, preaching the Gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15; I Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 1:22,23)

Second Coming: The Lord Jesus Christ Himself is coming again in the air at any moment to catch up His Church and to reward their service; the unbelievers left behind will go through a period called the Tribulation, after which Christ shall return visibly to the earth to set up His Kingdom of one thousand years of righteous rule; after this the unbelievers of all ages will stand at the Great White Throne to be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire, separated from God forever, while the believers spend eternity in the fullness of joy in Heaven with the Lord. (Matthew 24:29-42; I Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 19:11-20:15)

Purpose

Bethel Baptist School was founded with the purpose of training and educating young people for a life of service to the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that this school is unlike any other institution. It has its own personality, character, and philosophy of education. God has called this institution into existence for His own glory; therefore, the administration, faculty, and staff are dedicated to training young people for His service. We believe the Bible makes it clear that God's will for his people is to be scattered like salt and light among the whole range of secular vocations.

Objectives

The objectives of Bethel Baptist School relate specifically to the purpose and central theme of educating and training the Christian to make his life a unique and distinctively Christian ministry. The general objectives in meeting this goal are that the graduate of Bethel Baptist School will be:

1. Academically and intellectually competent;
2. Knowledgeable and capable of rightly dividing the Word and the Truth of God in Biblical studies and exposition;
3. Scripturally sound and spiritually equipped to serve God with his life;
4. Able to bring the salvation message of the gospel to the world through a life, which is a testimony in character and example to the unsaved people of this world.

It is our desire that students will meet the following educational objectives:

Biblical: The student will be provided with a theologically correct knowledge of the Bible, the tools and skills necessary to communicate its message accurately, and the ability to recognize that the inspired Word of God is indeed "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God be thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Academic: The student will be provided the educational training from the Biblical perspective, which will be:

1. A general education in English, Social Studies, Mathematics and Science;
2. Practical in its application;
3. Experiential in its nature;
4. Designed to make the student competent and prepared academically;
5. Designed to equip thoroughly the student to pursue a college education.

Character: The student will be provided with the spiritual leadership and experience that will conform and increase his personal faith and dedication to the Lord Jesus Christ in his Christian walk, character, and testimony to the world.

1. The student will be able to share openly and wisely the saving knowledge found in the Bible and a commitment for Christ to others, and a living demonstration of Christ's love for the world.
2. The student will develop a steadfastness in faith preparing him to meet the testing and trials that the Christian is faced with in serving Christ in today's world.
3. The student will be founded in the Scriptural principles of willing submission to God-given authority in the God-ordained institutions of the home, the church, and the government.

Affiliations

Bethel Baptist School is a member of two related organizations: the Golden State Association of Christian Schools and the American Association of Christian Schools. The American Association of Christian Schools is an organization of 1,200 Christian School across the country with similar philosophy and direction.

It is through these associations that we are able to promote teacher development, remain abreast of current methods and materials, and have a political voice in educational affairs at the state and national level. Our students also benefit by enhanced and varied opportunities to compete and cooperate with students from other Christian Schools.

Accreditation

Bethel Baptist School's Junior and Senior High School is fully accredited by the Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC) and is a member of the Golden State Association of Christian School (GSACS). Public and private schools nationwide accept the credits earned at Bethel Baptist High School.

ADMISSION

Admission Policy

Bethel Baptist School accepts students without regard to race, color, and national or ethnic origin but on the basis of former scholastic records, discipline records, a willingness to accept the policies, procedures and Christ-centered approach to education outlined in this handbook, and an entrance interview. A student or family who does not cooperate or agree with the purpose and program of Bethel Baptist School will not be admitted or allowed to remain in school.

Enrollment is not finalized until the following steps have been completed.

1. Completion of two letters of recommendation forms provided by the school.
2. Completion of an entrance questionnaire.
3. Personal interview with the administration, student, and parents or guardians.
4. Passing an entrance examination.
5. Completion of all application and registration forms.
6. Reading the Parent - Student Handbook.
7. Submission of all necessary records, including transcript, school records, physical examination form, immunization records, and photocopy of student's birth certificate.
8. Payment of appropriate fees.

Student orientation is required for at least one parent and the child who is enrolled in the school. Orientation is the Tuesday evening before school begins at 6:00 p.m. for all 6th through 12th grade students. If you are unable to attend orientation, you must make an appointment with your child's homeroom teacher prior to the first day of school. Elective selection for 6th through 12th grade is the last two weeks of July and the first week of August.

Elective selection is made by a parent and a student visiting the school office during normal office hours to select a first and second choice for electives, accompanied by a signature. Elective selection will not be taken over the telephone. Assignment of electives will be determined by a combination of grade and how early the elective selection was made.

School traditionally begins the last Monday of August and ends the second Friday of June.

Insurance

Bethel Baptist School carries property damage, liability, and accident insurance.

If a staff member, student, or volunteer gets hurt at school or at a school function, the injured person's health insurance will be used first. The school's accident insurance will cover any expenses beyond the individual's insurance.

If the injured person does not have health insurance, then the school's accident insurance will cover all costs.

Non-discrimination

Bethel Baptist School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national or ethnic origin.

FINANCE

Registration

Registration Fees once paid are non-refundable and non-transferable. Registrations made in July must be accompanied with the August tuition payment. Registrations made in August must be accompanied with the August and September tuition payments. Registration and tuition payments must be made using **two different checks** – one for registration and one for tuition.

Testing Fee

New students are required to take an entrance test. The testing fee is \$20.00 cash. The fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Extended Daycare

Extended daycare is available from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Your child may be on campus from 7:50 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. without any additional charge. Any time before 7:50 a.m. and after 3:45 p.m. you will be charged a rate of up to \$5.00 per 15 minute intervals.

Tuition

Tuition is an annual fee paid in ten equal monthly payments, August 1st through May 1st. Monthly payments are due the first of each month and are late after the 10th.

There is approximately a 5% discount for tuition paid in full by the early payment discount deadline. This date is published each year and traditionally falls in the middle of July. A late tuition charge of \$25.00 will be added to the account if the tuition is not received by the 10th of each month. **Returned check charge is \$25.00.** If we receive two bounced checks, your account will be on a cash only basis. All returned checks must be paid by cash, money order, or cashier's check only. It is necessary to give the school **a minimum of 30 days written notice prior to removal of students**, otherwise forfeiting that month's tuition. A 30-day notice needs to be given for any changes regarding tuition or daycare rates, otherwise forfeiting that month's tuition. One change per account free of charge will be allowed for the school year. Subsequent changes will cost \$10.00.

There is approximately a 5% discount on tuition for the second and third students in the same immediate family.

Each graduating senior must pay a senior graduation fee by the first Friday in May.

Terminated accounts created by withdrawing a student (provided the school was given a 30 day notice) are prorated to the day to insure that charges are made only for services rendered.

Fundraising

School-wide fundraisers are held each year. All families are encouraged to participate, as this is an important way to keep tuition as low as possible and still provide a quality educational program.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

At Bethel Baptist School we know that parental support and participation are crucial for educational success. We know that ultimately parents are the ones who are Biblically responsible for their children's education (Deuteronomy 6:6-9); so we are thankful for the trust and confidence parents place in us by giving us a part of the responsibility in the training of their children. The home, church, and school all need to be working together in

harmony for the most effective training to take place. This is why we have attempted to lay out clearly our philosophy and direction in this handbook. In this way parents can see the extent to which our goals and methods match their own. Once parents decide that Bethel Baptist School is the place where they want their child to be educated, we ask that there be a spirit of cooperation regarding the policies and procedures of the school.

If parents overtly and persistently refuse to cooperate with the school staff, policies, regulations or programs, they may so seriously interfere in matters of school administration or discipline as to significantly reduce the school's ability to serve their own or other children. In such cases, after reasonable efforts to elicit the minimum requisite parental cooperation, the administration may recommend transfer of the student.

Visiting Classes

When visiting the school, a parent must first come to the school office to receive a visitor's badge. This is true whether a parent is coming to bring a lunch, a forgotten book, to pick up a child, or to observe the class. Parents should not go directly into a classroom during school hours. This prevents needless distractions, which waste valuable learning time. Parents need to come by the office at the conclusion of their visit to notify the office that they will no longer be on campus.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parents may call and schedule a conference with individual teachers at any time. The regularly scheduled conference with a day off from school is scheduled after the first quarter grading period. If a problem arises, please discuss it first with the teacher before bringing it to the principal (Matthew 18:15-16).

Please do not try to talk to teachers during times when they are supervising children. Also, please be judicious about calling teachers at home regarding school business.

Standards for Volunteers

Volunteers provide a valuable service to the students of Bethel Baptist School. The following standards are intended to provide a consistent example before our students, which conforms to school policies on dress and deportment. These standards are to be adhered to by all adults when working on campus or chaperoning on field trips.

1. No smoking is permitted.
2. Please adhere to the same dress code required of our students and staff for any given event.
3. Please use only language that would honor our Lord.

CONDUCT

Bethel Baptist School is committed to the highest standards of Christian conduct and holds that the Bible, the infallible, divine Word of God, provides the basis for that conduct. Salvation by faith in Christ is the initial step in Christian life followed by spiritual growth into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29), which is the work of the Holy Spirit (II Corinthians 3:18). This growth begins with the initial act of saving faith and continues throughout life. The Holy Spirit makes the Christian conscious of the Biblical demands for a holy life that fulfills both God's moral law and high law of love (Matthew 22:37-39; Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14). The result is a life consecrated unto God and separated from the world.

Bethel Baptist School therefore established standards of conduct in order to provide an environment conducive to the spiritual growth and development of Christian young people. While obedience to rules does not make one spiritual, the spiritually sincere person will desire to live by Biblical standards. As an institution that believes in the development of young people with strong character, Bethel Baptist School contends that moral conviction, self-discipline, and enthusiasm for Christian witnessing are as important as academic excellence.

The standards of conduct expected of students are based on the following Biblical imperatives. All of the activities of the Christian must be subordinated to the glory of God Who indwells us (I Corinthians 8:9, 12-13, 10:32). The Christian must endeavor to avoid practices which cause the loss of sensitivity to the spiritual needs of the world and loss of the Christian's physical, mental, or spiritual well-being (I Corinthians 9:27). In today's society this includes avoiding such things as gambling, dancing, profanity, obscenity, abuse of drugs, the use of tobacco and alcohol, and rock ("worldly") music. Bethel Baptist School believes that the Christian student should demonstrate loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ in every area of his life. Jesus Christ is our example and every student should seek to bring his behavior into conformity to that which brings honor to the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Respect

At Bethel Baptist School everyone is to be treated with respect. Teachers are to respect students and students are to respect teachers. Students are also to respect each other. God made each of us different. The things that make us different are the very things that make us special. We need to be thankful for how God made us!

Sometimes people make fun of other people and sometimes harass them because they are different from them. This is not the loving attitude that the Bible teaches. This disrespectful, unloving behavior tears down relationships and is not pleasing to the Lord. The person who is being harassed can be deeply hurt and unhappy to the point of not wanting to come to school.

At Bethel, we will not tolerate any language, gestures or any other activity which is disrespectful or which is derogatory concerning an individual's race, color, national origin, marital status, sex, disability or age. If any student or teacher is aware of such activity, it must be reported to the Principal immediately.

Attitude

1. Students at Bethel Baptist are expected to comply with the rules and not gripe or stir up discontent among fellow students.
2. Students are to always show respect to everyone. Students should rise when an older person or someone in a place of authority enters a room.
3. Students are not to argue, manifest a hateful disposition or make a "wisecrack" when given demerits or reprimanded by a teacher, administration, staff member, or any other personnel.
4. If a student has a question about a teacher's action, he should personally and politely make an arrangement to talk with the teacher after school or during school hours at a free time.
5. No teacher, administrator, or staff member should ever be called by his or her first or last name. They should be addressed as Mr., Mrs., or Miss followed by their last name. Students are encouraged to use "yes sir," "no sir," "yes ma'am," and "no ma'am" when answering adults.
6. A student should realize that his attitude can be manifested in a number of ways: by what he says, by his tone of voice, by his facial expression, by the way he stands, sits, or walks. "Body Language" often betrays our verbal language.
7. No student will be retained who, after being warned, continues to be disrespectful or to have what is considered by the teachers and administration, a "bad attitude".
8. It is a "privilege" not a "right" to attend Bethel Baptist School. Any student who does not conform to the standards and regulations of the school may forfeit this privilege.
9. The administration may request the withdrawal of any student at any time that, in the opinion of the school, does not fit into the spirit of our school, regardless of whether or not he conforms to the specific rules and regulations of Bethel Baptist School.

Classroom Conduct

1. Students are not permitted in the classroom until the teacher invites them to come into the room. Students are not permitted to open a classroom door while waiting for the teacher to arrive.

2. When the bell rings, students are to be in their seats.
3. Students should get permission from the teacher to ask a question or make a comment. Students are not to talk, whisper, or communicate with other students in the class without the teacher's permission.
4. Student's are not to leave their desks without permission unless extremely sick.
5. Students are to sit upright throughout the class with both feet under the desk. It is improper to sit on top of the desks, to prop feet up on the desk or lean back in the chairs or desks.
6. Students are expected to take textbooks, paper, pencils and pens to each class, as well as other materials required by the teacher. Students are to use white three ring binder notebook paper for assignments. Spiral bound paper is not permitted for any assignment. Spiral bound notebooks are permitted as assignment books and for note taking. The only color of ink permitted for schoolwork is black or dark blue.
7. Students are not to bring to school composition books, notebooks, lunch boxes, book bags, or other items, which have pictures or words which relate to rock or other "worldly" music in any way.
8. Students are not to play with any objects during class.
9. Nothing is to be thrown inside the classroom.
10. Students should not talk in the classroom without permission.
11. Students are not to write on the whiteboard at any time without the permission of a teacher.
12. Students are not permitted to chew gum or eat anything in the classroom.
13. Students should never sit at, on, or touch anything on the teacher's desk.
14. There is absolutely no horseplay.
15. Students are to remain seated until dismissed by the teacher (the bell does not dismiss class).
16. Students are expected to clean up around their desks before they leave the room.
17. Students are to walk (not run) in and out of classrooms.

Playground Conduct

1. No older student should ever "bully" or tease a younger student and vice versa and there is absolutely no horseplay permitted.
2. There should be no throwing of rocks, sticks, dirt, etc. and no balls are to be thrown toward any window, toward any part of the building, or at another person.
3. Students are not to be in any unobservable location.
4. Students should do nothing to disturb our neighbors.

General Conduct

1. No tobacco, alcohol, or drug use is permitted on or off campus.
2. Stealing and deliberate destruction of property warrant suspension and may result in expulsion.
3. Cheating will result in an instant zero on the assignment, test, or quiz and the student will be suspended, receive demerits, and a call will be made to the parents. A second offense will result in expulsion.
4. Students are not to leave campus at any time without permission from the office. An excuse from home should be brought to school and presented to the office at the beginning of the day. The office will sign the excuse. It is the student's responsibility to show the excuse to the teachers whose classes they will miss. The student must report to the office before he leaves school and sign a check out sheet.
5. Students should be concerned about the maintenance and upkeep of their school. Any student who defaces or destroys property, even through negligence, must replace or repair the property and receive disciplinary measures deemed necessary by the administration.
6. Students are not to bring knives, slingshots, or any other potential weapon to school. If these items are brought to school they will be confiscated and a parent meeting scheduled.
7. No items related to rock or other "sensual" music are permitted on campus. No inappropriate music should be played on campus and should not be heard coming from any vehicle.
8. No inappropriate physical contact is permitted between boys and girls.
9. Students are permitted to eat only at a picnic table unless otherwise instructed.

DRESS CODE

At Bethel we desire to have a standard that will reflect Biblical standards in modesty, moderation, safety, and appropriateness. Because the subject of dress is usually a controversial one and because individuals have different opinions about what is considered appropriate, we ask that you consider the dress standard before enrolling your child in Bethel Baptist School. We trust that these principles are in accordance with the kind of character training that you wish your child to have.

General Dress Code Requirements

Dress Code Required:

Students must be in dress code and neatly dressed upon entering the campus at the beginning of the day. They must remain in dress code throughout the day except during their P.E. class or sports practice.

Emblems/writing permitted on clothing:

College names, college and pro sport teams, brand names, and Bethel related slogans.

Changes in dress code regulations:

Changes will be made if new fads or styles of clothing are introduced which are not in good taste or of neat appearance.

On Campus School Sponsored Events:

Students must be dressed according to the school dress code. Orientation, graduation, and award ceremonies are examples of on-campus events.

Off Campus School Sponsored Events:

Tight pants or any immodest clothing are **NOT** permitted at any school-sponsored event.

Gang related hairstyles and clothing (baggy or oversized), tattoos, and other fads are not permitted.

Men's Dress Code

Pants:

Long dress pants must be worn. (Khakis, Dockers, etc.)
No jeans or baggy (oversized) pants are permitted.
Belts must be worn when necessary for proper fit.

Shirts:

Must be a polo or button-down shirt (short or long sleeves) having a traditional collar.
Must be tucked in at all times, and only the top button can be unbuttoned at any time.

Shoes and Socks:

Dress shoes or clean athletic shoes.
No work shoes or work boots are permitted.
Socks must be worn with shoes.

Hair:

Must be tapered and blended. No spiked, stepped, or lined styles.
Must be above the eyebrows, ears, and collar.
Must be conservatively cut and styled.
If coloring is used, it must be a single, natural color.
Boys may not wear a hair band or otherwise tie up their hair.
Must always be neat.

Facial Hair:

Must be clean-shaven at all times.
Sideburns can be no longer than half way down the ear.
Boys may not wear makeup or nail polish.

Jewelry:

No earrings or piercings are permitted.

Ladies' Dress Code**Dresses and skirts:**

Must be long enough to cover the knee when standing.
No sundresses or tank tops are to be worn.
Must not be tight (form fitting) or revealing (low cut) in any way. Slits must be below the knee.

Blouses and Shirts:

No see-through, tight (form fitting) or revealing blouses.
No bare midriffs.
Only the top button can be unbuttoned at any time.

Shoes, Socks and Nylons:

Dress shoes or clean athletic shoes.
No work shoes or work boots are permitted.
Sandals must have a strap or back around the heel.

Hair:

Must be conservatively styled.
If coloring is used, it must be a single, natural color.
No bi-level, stepped, spiked, or shaved haircuts.

Jewelry:

Must be conservative.
Earrings should be worn only in the earlobe.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Each student at Bethel Baptist High School is required to perform volunteer community service hours each semester. Jr. High students must perform 4 hours each semester and high school students must perform 8 hours. Requirements and further information will be given out during Bible classes.

DISCIPLINE

In order to create a Christ-like environment at Bethel Baptist School's Junior and Senior High School, it is essential to maintain a disciplinary system, which stresses the responsibility each student has to the Lord, others, and himself. Students are expected to manifest self-discipline and respect for others (their person, feelings and property). Students who choose to disregard school policies will be held accountable for their actions. Accepting the consequences of inappropriate behavior develops maturity, character, and Christ-like characteristics. Upon enrollment and the starting of the new school year, each family will be required to read, sign, and agree with the

discipline policy of Bethel Baptist High School. A student will receive a demerit for any disrespectful, rebellious or disruptive behavior. If a student receives a demerit the teacher will fill out a Student Demerit Form which documents the incident. The student is held accountable by individual teacher's classroom management plan, when the student has exceeded the reasonable limit of opportunities a demerit will be issued.

Demerits accrue over each 9-week grading period. If a student receives 3 demerits in a 9-week period the student will serve an after school detention on the date designated. Additional demerits will earn an after school detention at 1 per demerit. The student will be charged \$10.00 fine for each detention served.

A student who receives his/her sixth demerit in a 9-week period will immediately receive a one-day suspension and be placed on Behavioral Probation for the remainder of the quarter. Students on Behavioral Probation are not allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities, and continued behavioral issues will result in expulsion.

Additional demerits beyond the 6th will earn a Saturday schoolwork detail at 1 per demerit. If a student reaches his/her sixth demerit a 4 hour detention will be issued. This must be served on a Saturday schoolwork detail.

A student who receives his/her ninth demerit in a 9-week period will immediately receive a two-day suspension and will be considered for expulsion.

Detention - Students will be required to attend school-sponsored detention for up to one hour after school. Students who do not serve their assigned detention are automatically assigned to the Saturday Work Program.

Saturday Work Program - Students will be required to attend a campus clean-up (4 hours) on a designated Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Students who do not serve their Saturday Work Program will be assigned two (2) days of In-School Suspension.

Suspension (In-School) - Student will be required to attend up to six hours of school-sponsored suspension at a designated location where they will study and participate in campus clean up. There will be zero tolerance for behavior problems. Students not completing their In-School Suspension will be suspended from school (At-Home) for two (2) days.

Suspension (At-Home) - Student is removed from school due to the serious nature of the inappropriate behavior for one to five days not to exceed 20 days in one year. The student must have a parent/guardian accompany him/her upon student's return to school and conference with an administrator prior to being allowed to return to classes. The student is not to appear on campus nor attend any school functions (after school or evening) while on home suspension.

Referral to Law Enforcement - Inappropriate behavior may not only violate school policies, but state and local criminal law. If it is determined that criminal laws have been violated by our students, school officials will notify appropriate law enforcement authorities as well as take appropriate action to satisfy Education and Penal Code mandates.

Recommendation for Expulsion - When the Principal determines that a student has committed an offense(s) that is (are) considered grounds for expulsion, the Principal has the authority to recommend that the student be expelled. The Administration has the final decision on all recommendations. Expulsion causes the student to be terminated from enrollment at Bethel.

Recommended Transfer

A recommended transfer is a determination by the school administrators that continued attendance either will not profit the student or will make demands, which the school cannot meet. It terminates attendance but does not leave the stigma of expulsion.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is considered an absolute prerequisite for a successful learning experience. A student who is absent from school should have one of his parents call the school office (714-839-3600) prior to 9:00 a.m. to inform the school of the reason and length of the absence. When the student returns to school, he should bring a note to the school office explaining the absence. A parent must sign the note. When a student is aware of an anticipated absence, the school office should be informed of this well in advance so that teachers can be notified and the student can gather assignments.

Pre-Approved Absence

Parents may take students out of school on the basis of pre-approved absences using the following procedure: Parents are to state the intent in writing to the Principal at least two days in advance, giving the reason for the absence and the days that will be missed. Students must obtain their homework prior to their absence. Make-up assignments are due the day the student returns to school, and he must be ready to take any missed quizzes or tests.

Unexcused Absence

An unexcused absence is an absence, which neither the school nor parents have authorized. If a student has an unexcused absence, he will receive a 0% for all class work, quizzes, tests, or any other assignment, which was due the day of the absence. An unexcused absence will result in a suspension.

Tardiness to School

Every student is expected to be on time for school. Students that are late will be considered tardy unless an absence occurs, in which 30 minutes or more has elapsed from the class.

A student will be considered tardy if he does not have a written excuse or is not at his assigned seat when the tardy bell rings. Within a nine-week period, all tardies to any class, including homeroom, will accumulate and at the third tardy a detention will be issued.

Students are expected to be in class on time. Students who are caught outside of class after the tardy bell will receive a tardy to that class. Depending on the teacher's classroom management plan, various consequences will incur.

Consequences for excessive tardies are as follows: Tardy Number 3 – Detention; Tardy Number 5 - Parent Conference; Tardy Number 7 - Saturday Work Program; Tardy Number 10 - May be dropped letter grade after parent conference.

SCHOOL LIFE

Achievement Tests

As part of an ongoing effort to evaluate student progress, Bethel Baptist School participates in the Standard Achievement Test 10 (SAT 10) testing program. The SAT 10, which is a nationally normed standardized test, is administered to all students each spring. Test results are made available to parents at the end of the school year.

Address Changes

Please notify the school office if your address or telephone number changes during the school year.

Automobiles on Campus

Students that drive their own cars on campus must park them in the back parking lot area. They must remove all the items needed for school and put them in their locker. Students will not be permitted to return to their car during school hours. They can return to their car when they are ready to leave campus. The parking lot speed limit is 5 miles per hour! No music should be heard coming from any car. No loitering is permitted at any car. Students must proceed directly from their car to a permitted area when they arrive or if they are leaving they must go directly to their car and leave the campus.

Students must submit copies of the following forms to the office prior to driving to school: 1) student's drivers license, 2) automobile registration, and 3) proof of insurance for any cars that they may be driving. Students must also participate in Bethel's Driver's Safety Awareness Program, which involves viewing appropriate drivers safety material.

Students must also sign a Safe Driver's Agreement, which will be kept on file in the office.

If it becomes necessary for a student to drive another student on or off campus, written permission from both students' parents is required and must be kept on file in the school office. Students are not permitted to drive for any school activity.

If a student was absent from school but it was necessary for them to pick up a brother or sister, the student must wait inside their car for their relative.

Students will be dealt with appropriately when they do not cooperate with the automobile policies. Removal of driving privileges will occur if students fail to cooperate.

Bicycles and Skateboards

Students may ride bicycles and skateboards to school. Skateboards must be placed in a locker. Bicycles and skateboards are not to be ridden on the school grounds.

Chapel

1. All students are required to attend chapel.
2. Students should participate in the singing and pledges, should display reverence during prayer, and participate when required.
3. Students are required to bring their Bibles to chapel.

Class Schedule

Individual class schedules are issued for each student at orientation. See appendix for schedule times.

Students must be in their homeroom by 8:00 a.m. for roll call and pledges, and to order lunch. Students must leave campus within 20 minutes of their last class or sporting event unless they are enrolled in the Day Care program. Seniors may leave campus after their last class. No loitering is permitted if the student leaves early. If a student must stay through the end of the school day because he plays a sport, he must be in a classroom with a teacher.

Cell Phones

Cell phone use is permitted in the lunch area before and after school and during lunch and break times. It may also be used for special circumstances when permission is obtained from a teacher. During class times, cell phones should not be seen, heard, or felt. Cell phones will be collected during class time and returned to the students at the end of class for testing and other certain activities. Failure to comply with any of these policies will result in the cell phone being taken and released only to the student's parent.

Closed Campus Policies

Bethel Baptist School is a closed campus. A closed campus has the following restrictions on visitors and students:

Visitors

1. All visitors must report to the office.
2. No student is permitted to leave with a visitor unless his/her name is on the registration card that the parent or guardian completed.

Students

1. Students are not permitted to leave campus during regular school hours unless they are with their parents, with a person designated on the registration card, or with adult supervision on a school activity (a completed permission slip is mandatory for the latter case). This does not apply for students who walk to school, ride a bus etc.
2. Any time a student leaves school early; he must sign-out at the office before he/she leaves campus.
3. If a student leaves campus and then returns (doctor's appointment) the student must sign-out before he/she leaves and then return to class upon returning.
4. Students are not permitted to drive other students in their car for any school-sponsored activity.

Contacting Students

1. Messages or items that need to be delivered to students are to be brought to the school office.
2. Parents who need to pick up students while school is in session should report to the office. A staff member will escort your child to the office. After being signed out by the parent and the office, the student will be permitted to leave.
3. Parents who need to get a message to a student before school is out must call the school office before 2:30 p.m.

Daycare

If a student is on campus before 7:50 a.m. and after 3:45 p.m. they must be in the Daycare area. There will be a Daycare charge (exception: participation in sports or other activity where the student will be under the supervision of a staff member).

Students must leave campus within 20 minutes after their last class or sporting event unless they are enrolled in the Daycare program.

Distribution of Outside Literature

No literature is to be distributed without first being cleared through administration.

Fire/Emergency Drills

Schedule

Fire drills will be conducted monthly. The first fire drill will be announced in advance to faculty. After the first fire drill, others will follow unannounced.

Procedure

Each classroom will have a diagram of the property (posted near the exits) with that classroom's exit marked in red. Students should leave the classroom during a drill with no talking, no running, no pushing, but with orderly, rapid walking. The first student is a key person and should lead the class. If the door is not already propped open, he should do this. The last student exiting the room should close but not lock the outside door and turn off the lights. Students should not stop until they reach their designated area. It is important that students follow the exact pattern of the diagram for exiting. Teachers will walk near the end of the class line. After the class reaches its designated area, the teacher will take roll. No students should be talking. Each class will wait for further instructions from the Principal or other member of the administration.

Designated Area

The designated area for the Jr. and Sr. High School is the right back corner of the playground. Each class should stay together. Once the class has reported to their designated area there should be no talking. The students should stand together in an orderly fashion waiting for further instructions.

First Aid and Medicine

A teacher or staff member will administer first aid. We do not give any kind of internal medicine (including aspirin or Tylenol) to any student.

Homework

It is a requirement of Bethel Baptist School that each student complete each homework assignment each day. Completion of the homework helps reinforce the classroom teaching, review and learn the material, and also helps the student and teacher identify problem areas that the student may have.

Every homework assignment must be completed as assigned by the teacher. Selected homework assignments will be graded each quarter. The homework grades will be averaged with the other class grades to determine the student's final grade.

The only exceptions to completing homework assignments will be illness, death in the family, or family emergency. A note must be written by the parent explaining the situation to the teacher(s). The policy for making up the work will be as defined under the section entitled "Make Up Work - Classroom Assignments".

Lockers

One locker will be assigned to each student. It is the responsibility of each student to take care of the locker. If at the end of the school year the locker is found to be in a worse condition than at the beginning of the year, a fee will be charged to restore the locker to its original condition.

Do not tape or glue anything to the inside of the lockers. Students are not permitted to write on the lockers on the inside or the outside. Lockers must be kept neat and orderly throughout the entire school year. Periodic locker checks will be performed.

Students must have a lock on their locker beginning the first day of school. If using a keyed lock, a spare key must be given to the homeroom teacher. If using a combination lock, the combination must be given to the homeroom teacher.

Students should take care not to leave textbooks or other personal items lying out on the playground, in the hallways, on the lockers etc. All items found will be taken to lost and found.

Book bags, P.E. bags, and other carrying cases should be placed in the designated location specified by the homeroom teacher.

Lost and Found

Bethel Baptist School is not responsible for personal property left on the premises. All personal items should be well marked with the student's name. Parents and students may check the lost and found container in the daycare area at any time. Items left in the lost and found will be periodically donated to a charitable organization. Please do not delay in checking for any items, which your child has lost.

Lunch Program

A hot lunch program and snacks are provided for the benefit of parents and students. A lunch consists of a main meal, side dish, dessert, and a drink. Menus are provided so that the student will know what the kitchen is serving for the entire month. Other lunch items are also available for students to order (pizza, cheeseburger, burrito, rice bowl, etc.). The student places orders for the lunches at the beginning of their homeroom period. If a student orders a lunch the student must purchase it during the lunch period. If a student is late for school, misses the beginning of homeroom and arrives before 9:00 a.m. he must report directly to the kitchen (if he desires lunch) and inform the kitchen supervisor to add an additional lunch to his class list. If the student arrives after 9:00 a.m. he must bring his own lunch.

Make up Work - Class Work Assignments

Any assignment, quiz, test, etc. that is announced when a student is present will be due the day the student returns to class. Work due the day of absence is due the day of return. If an assignment, quiz, test, etc. is announced during an absence, the due date must be arranged with the teacher.

If a student will be absent due to a school-sponsored activity, it is the student's responsibility to get their homework before they leave for the activity. The student should ask the teacher when the assignment is due. If a student will be missing a quiz or a test, then they should find out before they leave for the activity when the teacher will require of them to make up the quiz or test. Students should also find out if a test or quiz is scheduled for the day(s) after they return from their activity.

Memorization

All students are required to memorize the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag, Pledge of Allegiance to the Bible, and the school verse, I Timothy 6:12. Students will recite the pledges and school verse as part of their normal school routine.

Not Prepared for Class

Students are considered “not prepared” for class when they do not bring necessary materials into the classroom. **If a student must leave class to retain any materials, a tardy will be issued.**

Pledges

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
And to the republic for which it stands
One nation, under God, indivisible
With liberty and justice for all

Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag
And to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands
One Savior, crucified, risen and coming again
With life and liberty to all who believe

Pledge of Allegiance to the Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible God's Holy Word
I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
I will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God

Physical Education Class

Each Junior High and High School student is required to have two years of physical education class. Although not necessarily an academic subject, this class has requirements, which must be met by the student in order to receive credit.

1. Each student must participate in the class to the best of his ability. We realize students have differing athletic abilities. Therefore, they are graded according to the level of their participation, cooperation, and enthusiasm for the class.
2. There is a required physical education uniform that must be worn during class. If the student does not wear the correct uniform then they will not receive credit for the class that day. Uniforms can be purchased in the school office or during orientation.
3. If a student is sick or has been injured, parents should write a note describing the nature of the illness or injury (a doctor's note is preferred) and tell the teacher how long the student will be required to sit out of physical education class. If a student gets sick or hurt during school he should report to the office. The office will call the parent and describe the nature of the illness or injury. The office will then write a note to the physical education teacher with the instructions obtained from the parent regarding participation in physical education class.
4. Students may usually remain in their P.E. clothes if they are remaining at school beyond 3:45 p.m.
5. A student may be exempt from physical education class if he has a physical disability, which prohibits physical exercise. A note from a doctor describing the nature of the disability is necessary before the exemption can be granted.

6. All P.E. students are required to participate in the Presidential Fitness Program. Awards are given at the end of the year for participation.

Promotion - Retention

1. Junior High - Students must pass math and English and at least one of the following two classes: History or Science. Junior high students receiving three or more “F”s” on the second semester report card will not be promoted.
2. High School - Students receiving an “F” in any subject which is a prerequisite of the next year’s class must repeat the class before the next class is taken. The number of credits earned determines a high school student’s grade level.

Rainy Day Schedule

If it is raining, some of our procedures change due to the inclement weather.

1. When a student reports to school before 7:50 a.m. and it is raining, he must report the location designated by the day care supervisor. Otherwise, he must go directly to the homeroom.
2. If it is raining during the lunch period, students will eat in their classrooms. Students are not to make a mess and must clean up after themselves. The trash should be thrown away in the large trashcans located outside the classrooms.

School Office

The school office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday during the school year and are usually 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. during the summer months.

Since Bethel Baptist is a closed campus, all visitors (this includes parents and other relatives) must report to the office first in order to proceed to any classroom or to see any student or school personnel.

Students are permitted to go to the office from 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. and between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. with the permission of the day care supervisor. Between 7:50 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. students are permitted in the office without permission. Between 8:15 a.m. and 3:20 p.m. students are permitted in the office only after they receive a hall pass from a teacher.

Solicitations

Solicitation is not permitted at Bethel Baptist School without the permission of the administration. This includes advertising, the selling of tickets, candy, the distribution of political or religious materials or any other recruitment material.

Sports

1. Participation in sports is a privilege and carries with it certain responsibilities.
2. The participant is a representative of the school and therefore his attitude and actions should be glorifying to the Lord.
3. A member of a team has an obligation to that team and is to be present at all practices and games unless ill or excused by the coach.

4. Students must have a 2.0 GPA to participate in any sport.
5. If an athlete receives a grade average below a “C” in his classes for any quarter and/or an “F” on the report card for a quarter, he will not be permitted to play any sport until he has a quarter where a “C” average with no “F” grade has been earned.
6. Participants in sports receive the same treatment as other students. They have no unique privileges in homework, attendance, grading, or any other school policies.
7. To play in a game the student must be in school for a minimum of half the day on a game day (if it is a week day game) or half the day on Friday (if it is a Saturday game).
8. In order to play in a sport, Bethel’s Interscholastic Athletic Participation Consent form must be completed and given to the office before the first day of practice. No student may play a sport without medical insurance and up-to-date sports physical, which should be turned in before school starts.
9. Bethel Baptist School recognizes that the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing supplements presents a serious health and safety hazard. As a part of our school’s drug prevention and intervention efforts, the school will make every effort to ensure that students do not begin or continue the use of steroids or other performance-enhancing supplements.

Students participating in interscholastic athletics are prohibited from using steroids or any other performance-enhancing supplement. Use of steroids to increase strength or growth can cause serious health problems. Steroids can keep teenagers from growing to their full height; they can also cause heart disease, stroke, and damaged liver function. Men and women using steroids may develop fertility problems, personality changes, and acne. Men can also experience premature balding and development of breast tissue. These health hazards are in addition to the civil and criminal penalties for unauthorized sale, use, or exchange of anabolic steroids.

Before participating in interscholastic athletics, a student athlete and his/her parent/guardian must sign an agreement that the student will not use steroids, unless the student has a written prescription from a fully licensed physician, as recognized by the American Medical Association, to treat a medical condition.

A student who is found to have violated the agreement or this policy will be restricted from participating in athletics and will be subject to disciplinary procedures including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion.

Student Records

In the event that Bethel Baptist School should cease to exist, student records will be available through Bethel Baptist Church 901 S. Euclid Street, Santa Ana, CA 92704. The telephone number is 714-839-3600.

Supplies

Each year students are provided with a list of required and recommended supplies for their grade level.

Where Students Are Permitted

Drop-off and Pick-up Area

The drop-off and pick-up area is the corner area formed by the back fence and the education building. This is the designated area for students to arrive at school and to leave for home. Once students are dropped off in this area they must go directly to the Day Care Area (picnic tables behind the education building) or directly to their classroom.

Day Care and Playground Area

The area to the right of the chain link fence at the right rear of the Education building is the Day Care, playground, physical education, break time and lunch area. This is the area all students must be in before 7:50 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m. A student is not permitted to leave this area during regular school hours without permission.

Education Building

Students must be in their assigned classes according to their schedule. They should not be loitering in any other classrooms but should proceed in an orderly fashion from one class to another. Students are not permitted on the second floor of the education building before 7:50 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m. without permission.

Rest Rooms

Students are permitted to use the rest rooms before 7:50 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m. with permission from the Day Care supervisor. From 7:50 to 8:00 a.m. students are permitted to use the rest rooms. During school hours, the rest rooms may be used during breaks and lunch. At any other time students must use a hall pass with a teacher's permission.

Main Office

Students may go to the office between 7:50 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. or during break and lunch. Any other time requires the permission of a teacher or a Day care supervisor.

Where Students Are Not Permitted

Parking Lot

At no time are students permitted in any parking lot area. Students are not permitted to use the steps located by the girl's rest rooms. Students that drive their own cars on campus must park them in the back parking lot area. They must remove all the items needed for school and put them in their locker. They can return to their car when they are ready to leave campus. The parking lot speed limit is 5 miles per hour!

Sandy Playgrounds

No Junior or Senior High School student is permitted in any of the sandy playground areas when elementary students are present. The sandy playground areas are primarily for the kindergarten and elementary students, however high school students may use these areas at times with the permission of the staff.

Front of Church

No student is permitted in the areas in front of the church (grassy area adjacent to Euclid Street).

Auditorium

Students are not permitted in the auditorium except during devotions, chapel, special occasions, and during rainy day procedures. Students are not permitted in the teacher's lounge.

Second Floor Education Building

Student is not permitted on the second floor of the education building before 7:50 a.m., after 3:40 p.m. or during break/lunch without permission.

GRADING AND REPORTS

Permanent grades are recorded for each semester. Grades are available on Gradelink.com. Passwords will be issued at orientation.

Grading Scale

A	90% - 100%	College recommending grade
B	80% - 89	College recommending grade
C	70% - 79%	Consistent C grades are not college recommending
D	60% - 69%	Unsatisfactory, indicates barely passing work
F	0% - 59%	Failure

A+	100%	B+	87% - 89%
A	93% - 99%	B	83% - 86%
A-	90% - 92%	B-	80% - 82%
C+	77% - 79%	D+	67% - 69%
C	73% - 76%	D	63% - 66%
C-	70% - 72%	D-	60% - 62%
		F	0% - 59%

Honor Roll

The "A" Honor Roll is given to all students who received an "A" average in all of their classes with no grade lower than a "C". The "B" Honor Roll is given to all students who received a "B" average in all of their classes with no grade lower than an "D".

Exams

Tests will be given after each chapter is finished. Also, quarter, semester and final exams will be given. These exams are typically given the last three days of the quarter. Quizzes will be given at the discretion of the teacher.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The following are the courses, which are required to graduate from Bethel Baptist School. They represent Bethel's College Preparatory program in which all students will participate. All students will take a Bible class each year. To graduate, no student is permitted a failure in any Bible class. Classes are year long unless otherwise noted.

Bible	[4 Years: 40 credits]	
English*	[4 Years: 40 credits]	American & British Literature
Social Studies	[4 Years: 40 credits]	Geography, World & U.S. History Government, Economics (1 semester each)
Mathematics	[3 Years: 30 credits]	Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry Pre-Calculus, and Calculus (optional)
Science	[4 Years: 40 credits]	Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Foreign Language	[3 Years: 30 credits]	Spanish 1, 2, 3
Physical Education	[2 Years: 20 credits]	
Fine Art:	[1 Year: 10 credits]	Music and Drama
AP Courses		Macroeconomics, Calculus A/B, Government, US History, English Literature, and Chemistry

Total: 250 credits

Students receive 5 credits per semester for each course, which is completed and passed. 220 credits are required to graduate as well as meeting the minimum course requirements. Students typically earn more than the required number of credits due to credits that are earned from elective courses. Seniors must have all graduation requirements fulfilled in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

* Includes grammar, literature, poetry, vocabulary, spelling, and composition

Transfer students and students that need to make up courses may be placed on an alternative track to meet graduation requirements.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Academic awards are given at a special awards ceremony at the end of the school year.

"B" Honor Roll

The "B" Honor Roll is the award given to the student who has maintained a combined "B" average in all of their subjects (without receiving an "F") over the course of the year.

"A" Honor Roll

The "A" Honor Roll is the award given to the student who has maintained a combined "A" average in all of their subjects (without receiving a "D") over the course of the year.

Most Improved

The most improved certificate is given to the student who has made a significant improvement in a subject over the course of the year.

Academic Excellence

The Academic Excellence certificate is given to students who have excelled in the various academic subjects by earning an "A" in those subjects.

Perfect Attendance

The perfect attendance certificate is awarded to the student who did not miss a day of school and had fewer than three tardies.

Highest Grade Point Average Plaque

The Highest Grade Point Average plaque is the award given to the student who has received the highest grade point average (with no "D's" or "F's") in all of their subjects over the course of the year.

Excellence in Bible Plaque

The Bible Plaque award is presented to the student who has maintained the highest grade point average in their Bible class over the course of the year.

Presidential Academic Fitness Award

The Presidential Academic Fitness Award is awarded only three times during a student's educational experience: after the 6th, 8th, and 12th grades. In order for a student to receive the award they must have had a 90% or a 3.5 GPA for each semester for every year preceding and including the year the award is given. In order for a student to receive the award after the eighth grade year, he must have been on the honor roll during the 7th and 8th grade years. Likewise, in order to receive the award after the twelfth grade year, the student must have been on the honor roll during the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade years.

Academic Letter

An academic letter is given every semester to a high school student when the following conditions are met:

1. The student must have been on the "A" or "B" honor for each of the two nine week periods in a semester.
2. Every semester thereafter, a pin will be awarded signifying that a letter has been earned. A gold pin represents the "A" honor roll and a bronze pin the "B" honor roll.

Major Disciplines Perpetual Awards

Bethel Baptist High School has six perpetual awards given each year to senior high students in the four major disciplines of Science, Mathematics, English, and History, as well as two given for Christian Testimony. These awards are in the form of a plaque, which will be presented to the student. The plaque itself will remain at the school and displayed for all of our student body, both present and future, to see. The recipient of the award will have his or her name engraved on the plaque to establish a legacy of excellence. Each plaque has been designed to display recipients of the award for 12 consecutive years.

The seven awards are:

Sir Isaac Newton Science Award
Blaise Pascal Mathematics Award
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow English Award
Abraham Lincoln History Award
Adoniram Judson Language Award
Warrior Award - Junior High
Warrior Award - Senior High

The academic awards have been named after Christian men who are an example not only in word and deed but also in their outstanding contributions to this world in their particular discipline. The Warrior Awards were derived from our school verse 1 Timothy 6:12 which instructs us to “profess a good profession before many witnesses.” In order for a student to be a recipient of any of the six awards the following criteria must be met:

1. The student must actively participate in class and be enthusiastic in applying the principles being taught to their lives.
2. The student must show ingenuity, creativity and a willingness to go beyond the established requirements.
3. Their work and testimony reflects character consistent with biblical principles as well as academic excellence.
4. The must have a B average or higher.

Warrior Award

The Warrior Award is given to the student who shows a cooperative spirit both in and out of the classroom. This student displays good behavior by obeying classroom rules on a consistent basis. They relate well with their peers. Class assignments and homework are consistently completed and turned in on time. Grades are not necessarily criteria for the award, but good work habits are. This student shows respect and consideration for others whether they are adults or peers. Proper attention and a willingness to learn are evident in the classes. This is especially true in Bible class and chapel. While no student is able to meet these guidelines one hundred percent of the time, it is necessary that good Christian character be displayed most of the time. Even the best student will have a bad day once in a while.

Salutatorian Plaque

The salutatorian plaque is awarded to the student who has the second highest grade point average (with a minimum of a 3.2 GPA with no F's) over their entire high school career.

Valedictorian Plaque

The valedictorian plaque is awarded to the student who has the highest grade point average (with a minimum 3.5 GPA with no F's) over their entire high school career. (Four consecutive years)