

New Bethel Christian School

Truth . Vision . Knowledge

MISSION

New Bethel Christian School exists to challenge Christian students to continue in the truth of the Bible and grow in knowledge and skill in order to serve others through their character and leadership.

Truth

New Bethel Christian School was founded on the oneness apostolic doctrine. As a student body, we will continue in this truth and teach all students according to this faith.

Vision

At New Bethel Christian School, we encourage students to seek the will of God for their life. We believe all students are called to a ministry; our vision is to see our students excel academically but more importantly spiritually.

Knowledge

The Bible is the infallible Word of God. With this in mind, New Bethel Christian School bases all of its courses around biblical principals. Our primary objective is to give students an excellent education while training students in the knowledge of God.

School Traditions

Colors: Navy, Maroon, and Grey

Mascot: Lion

School Song

Oh, we are proud to be a member
Of New Bethel Christian School.
And we want to extend its purpose
Far beyond the golden rule.
We want no man to despise our youth,
Even though education is our goal.
While we do our best to learn,
We want to be concerned
About salvation for our soul.

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

New Bethel Christian School is an extension of New Bethel Church; therefore, we share the same basis of beliefs on explicit passages and principles of the Bible.

Based on Scripture, we believe the following:

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINE

The fundamental doctrine of this organization shall be the Bible standard of full salvation, which is repentance, baptism in water by immersion in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. (*Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 3:21, Rom. 8:10*)

About the Bible

The Bible is the infallible Word of God and the authority for salvation and Christian living. (*2 Tim. 3:15-17*)

About God

There is one God, who has revealed Himself as our Father, in His Son Jesus Christ, and as the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is God manifested in flesh. He is both God and man. (*Deut. 6:4; Eph. 4:4-6; Col. 2:9; 1 Tim. 3:16*)

About Sin and Salvation

Everyone has sinned and needs salvation. Salvation comes by grace through faith based on the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. (*Rom. 3:23-25; 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9*)

About the Gospel

The saving gospel is the good news that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. We obey the gospel (*2 Thess. 1:8; 1 Pet. 4:17*) by repentance (death to sin), water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ (burial), and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit (resurrection). (*1 Cor. 15:1-4; Acts 2:4, 37-39; Rom. 6:3-4*)

About Christian Living

As Christians we are to love God and others. We should live a holy life inwardly and outwardly, and worship God joyfully. The supernatural gifts of the Spirit, including healing, are for the church today. (*Mark 12:28-31; 2 Cor. 7:1; Heb. 12:14; 1 Cor. 12:8-10*)

About the Future

Jesus Christ is coming again to catch away His church. In the end will be the final resurrection and the final judgment. The righteous will inherit eternal life, and the unrighteous eternal death. (*1 Thess. 4:16-17; Rev. 20:11-15*)

ADMISSIONS

We believe the Bible mandates that the primary responsibility of each student's education rests with the parents. We view the role of the school as one of partnership with the parent(s) in this endeavor. In order to establish and maintain a successful relationship, it is essential that parents be in agreement with the philosophies and intentions of the school as outlined in this Student Handbook.

Attendance at NBCS is a privilege and not a right. NBCS reserves the right to deny enrollment to any student applicant who does not meet the enrollment requirements of this school.

Admissions Notice of Non-Discrimination

NBCS admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at this school. NBCS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, or any other basis prohibited by federal and state law.

Amendment Policy

NBCS reserves the right to amend the policies and procedures outlined in this handbook with reasonable notice. This handbook is not an all-inclusive manual. Sometimes new situations will occur or circumstances will arise not covered specifically by this handbook. The administration reserves the right to exercise its administrative prerogative in responding to these new situations.

School Hours

School Hours: Monday - Thursday 7:50AM - 3:00PM

School Contact Information

Telephone number: (601) 876-0122

Fax number: (601) 876-0122

Address: 84 New Bethel Road Lot A, Jayess, MS 39641

REGISTRATION

NBCS registration for each school year opens in April and closes at the end of May. Registration papers will be mailed or may be picked up from the school office during this time. Any registration papers turned in after June 10th will be subject to late fees.

Forms and Fees

- **Registration Form and Fee**

Usually due the first week of June. Refer to the registration form each year for specific date and amount.

- **Financial Agreement**

Outlines students per household, tuition total for the year, and monthly payment. It must be signed, dated, and returned.

- **Book Cost**

This is due by Orientation which is usually mid-August. Announcements will be sent out each year detailing the exact date. The total book cost depends on the grade of the child; invoices are mailed in July.

- **Tuition**

Tuition is subject to change. Refer to registration form each year for the amount. Because NBCS is largely funded by the saints of New Bethel Church through offerings and special donations, members of NBC receive a discount on tuition. *No payments received by NBCS are transferred to NBC.*

TUITION STATEMENT

The first payment will be due August 20th and the last will be due May 10th. If the account is not brought current by the end of the month in which payment is due, a finance charge of \$10.00 will be assessed. If a student has to be dropped from enrollment, a re-enrollment fee of \$20.00 per child will have to be paid along with all of the tuition that is in arrears before the child can return to class. All tuition payments must be up to date before final examinations can be given. In such case that exams have to be given on another date, all exams must be taken on a certain day at the teacher's discretion.

SCHOOL EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

To keep tuition at an affordable cost, fundraisers are needed throughout the school year. NBCS is able to provide a Christian education at an affordable cost because of the generous offerings from the saints of New Bethel Church and other contributors. **For that reason, every student is expected to participate in all school events and fundraisers.** NBCS understands that not every student is a member of New Bethel Church; for that reason, all contributions given at school fundraisers will only be used by New Bethel Christian School, not New Bethel Church unless otherwise notified.

ORIENTATION

Because NBCS wants parents to be fully informed, at least one parent/guardian must attend orientation in August. Orientation is the Friday before the first day of school. Orientation begins at the school. During this time, students will receive all textbooks, their assigned desk, and given classroom rules and procedures. Also, assembly will be held in the New Bethel Church sanctuary where parents and students will be welcomed by the NBCS staff and be informed of any changes, upcoming events, and announcements.

SENIOR BANQUET

Every year in April, NBCS hosts a senior banquet. The minimum age requirement for attendees is 9th grade students. NBCS seniors will pick the menu, theme, and sell tickets. Ticket sales are used to cover cost of banquet. **Parents of the seniors are responsible for decorating and costs that ticket sales do not cover.** Seniors must help with set-up before the banquet and tear-down the Saturday after banquet. Set-up begins the Monday prior to banquet.

A meeting with the seniors and parents will be held in January to begin planning theme, menu, and budget for banquet.

Junior high students are responsible for serving/cleaning at the banquet. They will receive a complimentary meal and tips for their service.

High school students (excluding seniors) are responsible for food prep the morning of the banquet and clean up the following school day. NBCS staff will monitor and provide help when needed.

Junior High Dress Code for Banquet

- Boys - black pants, white button-up shirt (must be tucked in), and black shoes
- Girls - Black skirt, white blouse, and black shoes

GRADUATION

At NBCS, all students are required to attend and participate at the graduation ceremony in May. The ceremony consists of high school senior and K-5 graduation, songs performed by the student choir and band, and an awards ceremony.

Graduation begins at 7:00 P.M. in the New Bethel Church sanctuary, and students need to be at the school at 6:30P.M.

Graduation Dress Code

K4 - 2nd Grade

- Boys - black pants, white shirt, black bowtie, and black shoes
- Girls - White dress and white shoes

3rd - 12th Grade

- Boys: Black pants, white shirt, black necktie, and black shoes
- Girls: Black dress (or black skirt and blouse) and black shoes

DRESS CODE

New Bethel Christian School students are expected to dress modestly and in good taste. Students must be neat and well-groomed at all times — during and after school hours, while on campus, and at all school-related functions. It is important that students keep in mind they serve as ambassadors for NBCS. In keeping with these principles, students at NBCS are required to follow the dress code, and every student who accepts a place in the student body agrees to abide by the dress code guidelines.

BOYS AND GIRLS

- **Shirts**
 - Polos - Navy, Grey, and Maroon
 - Length - long sleeve (must cover the elbow at all times)
White long sleeve shirts may be worn under short sleeve polos, but long-sleeve polos are preferred.
 - NBCS Pullovers - All NBCS pullovers purchased through the school (excluding the bright blue PE shirts) may be worn Monday through Thursday.
- **Outerwear**
 - Open front (zippered and buttoned) jackets and hoodies are allowed. **No pullovers.**
 - Jackets worn in classroom must be a solid school color (maroon, grey, or navy) with no logo (only NBCS school logo is allowed). Bulky outerwear jackets and parkas are not to be worn in the classroom.
- **Footwear**
 - Slip-on shoes are not allowed. These are shoes with no back/heel support (i.e. flip flops and slides).
- **Belts**
 - Khaki, brown, black, navy, and grey belts only.
- **Special Notes**
 - Forest green and red polos will be phased out after 2016-2017 school year.
We will be changing to grey, navy, and maroon polos .
 - **Grey and maroon shirts purchased outside NBCS may not be approved if color varies too much.**
- **Thursdays**
 - Students may wear a jean skirt (girls) or jeans (boys) if they pay \$1.00 which will be used for their classroom needs.

BOYS

- **Pants**
 - Khaki or Navy
 - Pants must fit regularly (no tight-fit or baggy pants). No shorts are allowed.

- **Hair**

- Boys' hair should not come below the eyebrows, down over the ears, or down over the shirt collar.
- No facial hair; and sideburns must not extend past the middle of the ear.

GIRLS

- **Skirts**

- Khaki or Navy - plain or pleated
- Length: must cover knees when standing and sitting

- **Leggings**

- Cloth leggings are allowed if they are long enough to be tucked into socks (so no part of the leg is visible) or short enough to be covered by the skirt. Mid-calf leggings are not allowed.
- Girls cannot wear pants or shorts (*Deut. 22:5*)

- **Footwear**

- Heels are not recommended, but allowed for special occasions.

- **Hair**

- Girls must not purposely shorten hair (*1 Cor. 11:6,15*)

- **Makeup**

- No makeup is allowed (*1 Tim. 2:9, Jer. 4:30, Prov. 31:30*)

IMPROPER ATTIRE

- Hats/Caps inside the building
- Unnecessary attire, hairdo, etc. that brings undue attention to an individual or group
- Visible tattoos or piercings

FREE-DRESS DAYS/FIELD TRIPS

Students are required to always bring a uniform when there is a free-dress day at school. This includes field trips, costume days (e.g. Spirit Week, Book Character Day, etc.), and all other free dress days. A student may be asked to change into his uniform by a teacher if his attire does not comply to the dress code (e.g. a female student's skirt does not cover knees). If a student is asked to change but did not bring a uniform, he will have to be picked up by a parent/guardian. In the case of a field trip, the student will remain at school under another teacher's supervision or have to be picked up by a parent/guardian.

New Bethel Christian School follows guidelines of outward appearance established by the Pentecostal faith. All Students are expected to honor the integrity and intent of the NBCS Standard Code of Dress while keeping the guidelines of the Pentecostal doctrine of outward appearance. The principal will make final decisions on all matters regarding dress/outward appearance that are not specifically stated in this document, but are common to the Pentecostal doctrine

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Academic Honesty

It is the desire of NBCS to create an educational atmosphere that encourages personal responsibility and integrity that honors God. (*Col. 3:23*) Therefore, honesty is a character trait we expect from all our students. Several specific types of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to, possession or use of Teacher Edition textbooks, cheating, forgery, and plagiarism, which will result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary actions will be determined by the principal.

Curriculum

NBCS uses the Abeka curriculum created in 1972 by Pensacola Christian College. Every subject is approached from a Christian perspective, and you'll find Scripture and Biblical principles used to emphasize or illustrate concepts.

Grade Scale

A: 90 - 100

B: 80 - 89

C: 70 - 79

D: 65 - 69

F: 64 - 0

Failing Grades

Any student receiving a failing grade for a course that is required must repeat the course and earn a passing grade.

Mid-term and Final Exams

Exams, projects, and/or presentations will be administered to all high school students at the conclusion of each semester. These exams will count for one-third of the final semester grade. **No pre-arranged absences will be granted during mid-term/finals week.** An exam schedule will be published each semester prior to the testing period. These exams ideally represent a cumulative representation of the entire body of content presented during a given semester.

Homework/Late Assignments

All assignments must be completed by the due date specified by the teacher, unless there are extenuating circumstances approved by the teacher. All assigned work (except in cases of an excused absence) is due on the due date, no matter how minor or major the assignment. Students handing in assignments after the due date will receive a lower grade, including a “zero” grade, as determined by the teacher. Teachers will consider extreme circumstances beyond the student’s control on an individual basis.

Make-up Work

A student who is unable to turn in or complete any work (e.g. homework, tests, quizzes, etc.) due to an excused absence on the due date will be required to complete that work by the next class meeting. Make-up work for excused absences from more than one sequential class meeting will require arrangement and approval by the teacher. Generally, it is understood that each class session missed due to excused absence will provide the student with an equal number of class meetings in order to make up the work. The responsibility for identifying any missed assignments, making any arrangements with the teacher, and completing make-up schoolwork, rests ultimately with the student. Make-up work due to unexcused absences is only allowed at teacher’s discretion. Failure to contact NBCS faculty (by note or phone call) may result in zeros or points docked on all missed work (e.g. homework, tests, quizzes, etc.). See the Attendance Policy for more information. Students who miss schoolwork due to truancy, suspension, or excessive absences must meet with the principal before make-up work is allowed.

Report Cards and Progress Reports

The school year is divided into four nine-week quarters which equals two semesters. Each quarter will include one Progress Report and one Report Card. Report Cards indicate the student’s academic performance during the semester grading period. They may contain comments designed to advise students and parents of areas of excellence and/or need.

One Progress Report is issued mid-quarter to inform parents of the child’s progress. Parents can request to view their child’s grades at any point during the term by contacting the teacher. NBCS encourages parents to communicate with teachers and to initiate conferences when the need arises throughout the school year.

Report Cards will be distributed within one week following the end of the semester. However, when Christmas break immediately follows the end of the first semester, Report Cards will be distributed within one week of our return from break.

It is the responsibility of all parents and students to be current with information presented from a variety of sources, including the Parent/Student Handbook, and other social media.

Transcripts

Students may request up to ten transcripts free of charge. Any transcripts ordered over and above ten will cost \$5.00 each. If a transcript needs to be mailed internationally, a fee of \$10.00 will apply per transcript.

Transfer Credits

Each student's transfer credits from a previous school must be evaluated by the school principal to determine how those credits apply to the NBCS graduation requirements. In addition, the principal must give prior approval before a student takes any outside (i.e. off-campus) course(s), even if it is to make-up an "F" or an "Incomplete" grade.

AWARDS

All awards will be recognized at the end of the academic school year during the Awards Ceremony at graduation.

Honor Roll

At the end of each school year, students achieving certain academic levels of performance during the entire semester will receive one of the following awards:

- Highest Honor Roll: 4.00 GPA
- High Honor Roll: 3.50 to 3.99 GPA
- Honor Roll: 3.00 to 3.49 GPA

Lion Award

Each month, the faculty votes on one student from junior high through high school who best demonstrates excellence in academics, spirituality, school spirit, and citizenship.

Student of the Year

At the end of the academic school year, one student who has received the Lion Award will be selected as student of the year.

Cub Award

Each month, the faculty votes on one student from kindergarten through middle school who best demonstrates excellence in academics, spirituality, school spirit, and citizenship.

Junior Student of the Year

At the end of the academic school year, one student who has received the Cub Award will be selected as junior student of the year.

Perfect Attendance

At the end of the academic school year, students who have attended every school day and did not have excessive tardies will be eligible for the Perfect Attendance Certificate.

Salutatorian (senior graduates only)

Salutatorian status is awarded to the senior graduate who earns the second highest total weighted grade point average for every high school credit. Individuals must be enrolled for at least four years at NBCS to be eligible for this award. In the case of a GPA tie, objective measures will be used to select the Salutatorian. Co-Salutatorian status may be awarded to each student. Citizenship is also an important component of this status and students may be disqualified from this honor if they possess an unsatisfactory behavior record.

Valedictorian (senior graduates only)

Valedictorian status is awarded to the senior graduate who earns the highest total weighted grade point average for every high school credit. Individuals must be enrolled for at least four years at NBCS to be eligible for this award. In the case of a GPA tie, objective measures will be used to select the Valedictorian. Co-Valedictorian status may be given to each student. Citizenship is also an important component of this status and students may be disqualified from this honor if they possess an unsatisfactory behavior record.

Senior Graduate Medals

At the end of each school year, seniors achieving high academic levels of performance during the entire semester will receive one of the following honor medals:

- Summa Cum Laude: 4.00 GPA
- Magna Cum Laude: 3.70 to 3.99 GPA
- Cum Laude: 3.50 to 3.69 GPA
- Honor Medal: 3.00 to 3.49 GPA

ATTENDANCE POLICY

ABSENCES

Regular school attendance is required by law and is one of the most critical factors in a student's success at school. A student's success is directly related to his/her attendance in school. In addition, effective communication between the school and the parents in regards to a student's attendance is vital.

Any student arriving late or leaving early must have approval of principal and/or teacher. A note from a parent/guardian may be required unless the parent/guardian has called the school prior.

Excused Absences

Excused absences are given for the following:

- Sickness
- Death in the family
- Doctor's appointments (please postpone until after school hours if possible)
- Family emergency

Students are expected to bring a note written by a parent/guardian to explain the absence unless the parent has already called the school and/or teacher.

Pre-Arranged Absences

Pre-Arranged absences may be approved in certain situations such as: A parent writes a note (or calls) ahead of time explaining the necessity of the absence and requesting prior approval. If approved by the principal and/or teacher, the student will be given assignments (i.e. homework, tests, quizzes, etc..) to be completed in advance (or later only with teacher's permission).

Make-Up Work

When students are absent, an opportunity to make up work will be provided. In middle and high school, it is the student's responsibility to ask the teacher for the make-up work. Work (including tests) missed due to an absence may be made up and credit given for such work. Upon the student's return to school, he/she must make up the work within the allotted time (e.g. student missed two days; he is given two school days to catch up). Additional time may be granted by the principal due to the extenuating circumstances. A student will not be penalized for a teacher's absence. **If a student misses due to an unexcused absence, the teacher is not required to give make-up work. The student could also lose points on all make-up work including tests and quizzes due to an unexcused absence.**

Students are encouraged to get make-up work assignments before returning to school. They may do this by contacting a friend in class to obtain information on work missed, or by calling the school office and/or teacher requesting assignments; remember that teachers need 24 hours to prepare assignments.

**NO PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES WILL BE GRANTED DURING
MID-TERM WEEK AND FINALS WEEK FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.**

TRUANCY

Truancy is being absent without the knowledge and consent of parents and school staff. A student is truant when he or she stays out of any part of or all of a scheduled class and/or leaves campus without permission. Parents will be notified of all trancies. Truancy is considered an unexcused absence with no opportunity to make up work. All missed assignments and tests will result in a zero. Truancy is a serious offense and will result in disciplinary action by the principal.

TARDIES

Excused tardies are limited to the following events: family emergency with note from parent, automobile breakdowns, traffic accidents, and extreme personal emergencies. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the student arrives to their first class of the day on time. A student is considered tardy to class when he arrives to school after 8:00 AM. Teachers are not expected to make accommodations for students arriving late to class in regards to assignments due, tests, quizzes, projects, or other works in progress. **A student's grade may be reduced by a number of points determined by his teacher for each increment of eight unexcused tardies per semester.**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

In addition to our school attendance policy, NBCS students and at least one parent/guardian are required to attend a Pentecostal church regularly (*Heb. 10:25*).

STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

Drop-off

Students arriving between 7:30AM - 7:50AM should be dropped off at the school. Because NBCS starts every school morning off with prayer in the church sanctuary, students arriving after 7:50AM should be dropped off at the sanctuary; the school doors will be locked from 8:00 AM until the end of prayer. Backpacks and lunch boxes should be left in the church foyer if a student is late for prayer. In case of inclement weather, a note will be posted on the school doors as to whether students should be dropped off at the sanctuary or school.

Pick-up

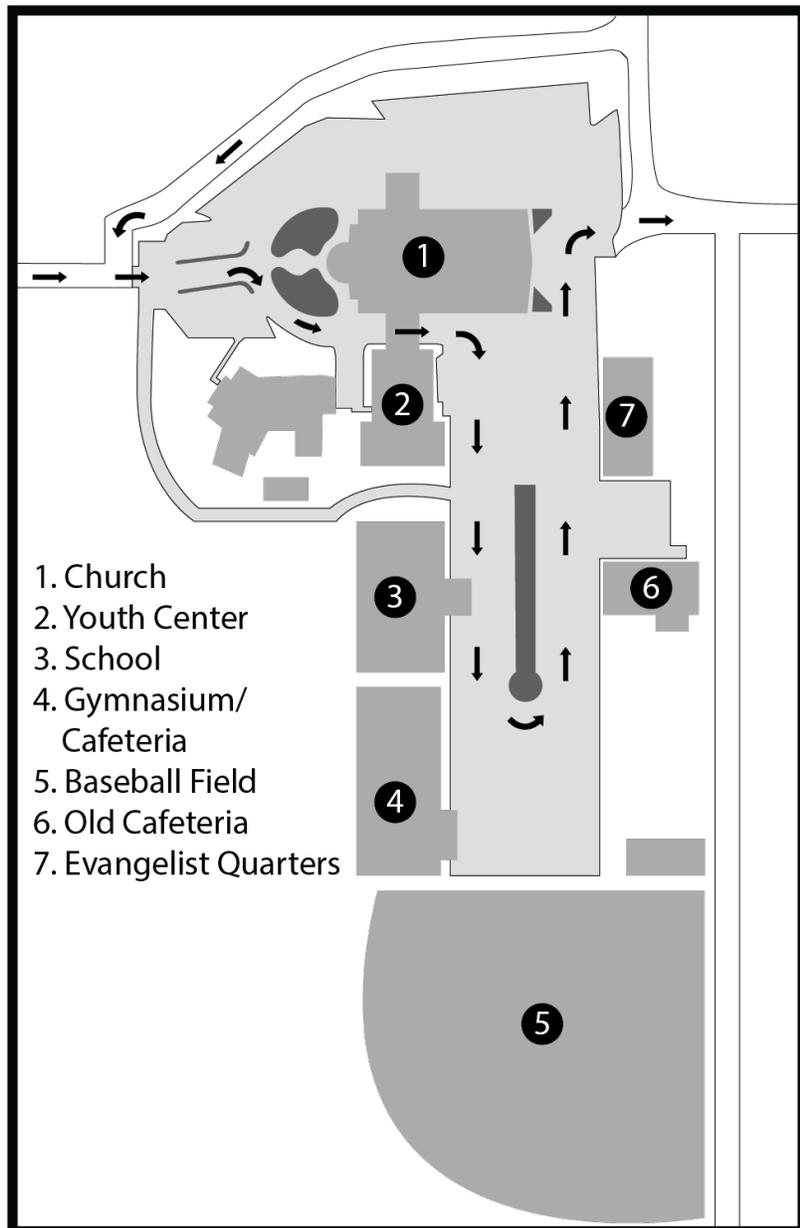
Students may be picked up at 3:00PM. Although a teacher is scheduled to stay at the school until every child is picked up, please call ahead to inform a teacher if you are running more than fifteen minutes late.

High school students who drive to school are dismissed at 2:55PM.

Parking

There are two rows of parking spaces located in front of the school. The row closest to the school is reserved for faculty/staff while the other side is reserved for student drivers.

NBCS strongly discourages traffic and parking at the cafeteria and gym while children are outside at recess.



CODE OF CONDUCT

Each student is expected to act in a manner that reflects biblical values and to develop personal character traits that show maturity. Further, as a community of Christians, students should encourage and support others to live in a manner that pleases God. The following characteristics are representative of scriptural standards that should be emulated:

Love of God's Word

There is no greater source for direction and encouragement than the Bible. NBCS places God's Word in the highest regard, and every student is urged to spend personal time in it regularly.

(Josh. 1:8; Ps. 19:10; Ps. 119:97, 119:127, 119:165; Col. 3:16)

Respect for God, Other People, and Property

God deserves reverence and respect, and our lifestyle and worship should reflect the honor we owe Him. We are also commanded to show respect to those God has given to be in authority.

Further, each person should be mindful about how he treats other people and their property. *(1 Pet. 2:17, Prov. 9:10, Eccl. 12:13, Rom. 13:7, Phil. 2:3, Rom. 12:16–18, Eph. 6:5–9)*

Kindness and Consideration of Others

Christians are to actively seek opportunities to show kindness to others. Common courtesy and politeness are qualities to be developed. PCC has historically been known as a friendly campus because its students promote these traits. Good sportsmanship is also expected in all athletic endeavors. *(Eph. 4:32, Matt. 7:12, Luke 6:31, Phil. 2:4, 1 Thess. 5:15)*

Compassion and Christian Love

God's great love for us is reflected when we act with genuine care and concern for others. The Bible teaches that this is the hallmark of a true disciple. *(Eph. 5:2, Luke 10:25–37, Jude 22, 1 John 4:7–8, John 13:34–35)*

Honesty and Integrity

It is necessary that each student deal truthfully with others and maintain a reputation for choosing to do what is right. Without these traits, it is not possible to properly interact with other people or with God. *(Ps. 25:21, Ps. 15:1–2, Prov. 12:22, 2 Cor. 8:21, Phil. 4:8, Prov. 11:3, Rom. 12:17–21, 2 Cor. 4:2, Matt. 5:37)*

Discipline and Self-Control

Christians are to exercise control over their emotions and desires so that behavior is appropriate and right. This is accomplished as the Holy Spirit is allowed to guide every decision and direct each action. *(Gal 5:16–26, Rom. 6:12–13, 1 Cor. 9:24–27)*

Modesty and Purity

Christian men and women are expected to maintain the highest moral standards as a reflection of God's holiness and as a protection against the effects of sin. While much of today's culture has abandoned these precepts, the biblical principles for behavior and dress are essential. (*Ps. 51:9–10, 1 Tim. 2:9, 1 Cor. 6:19–20, 1 Pet. 3:3–4, Ps. 24:3–5, 1 Tim. 4:12*)

Diligence

The ability to work hard is important for professional life and is a characteristic that the Bible encourages. Being available and willing to work with intelligent effort is necessary to further gospel endeavors and contribute as a citizen. (*Prov. 13:4, Deut. 6:17, Prov. 22:29, Col. 3:23*)

Responsibility

The Bible teaches that each person must give account for his actions; taking personal responsibility for one's life is the beginning of real stewardship. Making it your duty to be reliable, so that others can depend upon you, is a mark of true maturity. (*2 Cor. 5:10, 1 Cor. 4:2–4, Gal. 6:4–5*)

Thanksgiving

Beyond a polite gesture of gratitude, thankfulness displays a spirit of contentment along with the realization that God is the ultimate source of all good things and that He often uses people as the instruments of His blessing. (*1 Thess. 5:18; Eph. 5:20; Col. 2:7; Ps. 92:1, 118:29*)

Etiquette and Manners

Mature and educated individuals know how to speak and act in an expected way according to what is appropriate for the setting. Student life provides opportunities to learn and practice these skills. (*1 Cor. 15:33, Col. 4:5–6, 1 Cor. 14:40*)

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Each student accepts the responsibility to actively uphold the Code of Conduct and to refrain from any action that would be detrimental to spiritual growth, the safety or well-being of others, or that would impair the ability of others to follow the Code of Conduct. (*1 Pet. 2:11, Rom. 14:13*) For this reason, students who participate in illegal or prohibited activities or who build a reputation for involvement in these activities will be subject to discipline including but not limited to referral, retribution, suspension, or dismissal.

Use, Possession, or Association with Alcohol, Illicit Drugs, Related Products, such as E-Cigarettes and Vaporizers

As a protection against harmful effects and the controlling nature of these substances, Scripture teaches us to avoid them. In addition, state and federal law prohibits the unlawful sale, use, or possession of drugs and alcohol. (*Prov. 23:31; Rom. 12:1; Prov. 20:1; 1 Cor. 6:19–20*)

Pornography or Sexual Immorality

The Bible indicates that all sexual activity outside of marriage is sin. Therefore, the following is considered to be sexually immoral: fornication, adultery, homosexual behavior, or any other sexual perversion. Also, any involvement in pornography or sexual communications, including verbal, written, or electronic, is prohibited. (*1 Cor. 6:9–10, 18–20, Matt. 5:28, Heb. 13:4, Rom. 1:26–27, Ps. 119:37, 1 John 2:16*)

Dancing

The seductive nature and worldly music of most forms of dancing are contrary to biblical principles. NBCS wants students to have a wholesome relationship with members of the opposite gender without the temptations that are often associated with dancing; so dancing is not permitted. (*1 Tim. 4:12, 1 Cor. 7:1*)

Profanity or Obscenity

Inappropriate language must be avoided whether it be written, electronic, or verbal. (*Eph. 4:29, Col. 3:8, James 5:12*)

Harassment, Abuse, and Discrimination

The safety and well-being of students is of utmost importance. NBCS does not tolerate hazing, physical or verbal abuse, coercion, stalking, intimidation, harassment (verbal or sexual), discrimination, or any other behavior that places the health and safety of other students in jeopardy. Students must avoid the use of divisive or inflammatory comments, symbols, or actions of any kind, even in jest. (*Col. 3:8; 4:6; Eph. 4:29–32*)

Gambling

Christians are called to be good stewards of that which God has given. Gambling is rooted in greed and materialism and against the principles found in the Word of God. Therefore, students should not participate in any form of gambling. Using playing cards generally associated with gambling should be avoided, and visiting casinos can cause one's testimony to be tarnished. (*Prov. 13:11; Prov. 28:22*)

Stealing

The Bible clearly teaches that stealing is wrong. Taking or using what does not belong to you without the owner's consent is considered stealing. (*Rom. 13: 8–10*)

ENTERTAINMENT

To provide an atmosphere free from distraction of prevalent worldly influences and to encourage academic focus, NBCS has established the following entertainment standards:

Music

Music has the potential to direct our thoughts and emotions, and it reflects our values and philosophies. The music we listen to can either affect us in a way that encourages biblical thinking and actions or in a way that promotes worldly ideals. Because of this, students are expected to only listen to Christian music and/or instrumental music. Students are encouraged to use discernment when listening to or playing music.

Media

Like music, media has the potential to distract our focus from the things of God. Any media or form of entertainment—including but not limited to books, magazines, apps, computer and video games—which contains violence, sensual or demonic themes, suggestive dress, or profanity is strongly discouraged. Students are expected not to attend movie theaters, rent movies, or watch movies on mobile devices.

Because NBCS staff cannot monitor students outside of school, **we strongly encourage parents to help us enforce these rules.**

SOCIAL LIFE

NBCS provides a great atmosphere for meeting new people and developing long-lasting Godly relationships. We encourage students to foster these relationships with Christ at the center. These guidelines are designed to guard purity and maintain a spotless Christian testimony on and off school campus.

- Male and female students may not be together in secluded locations, including in parking lots, empty classrooms, or any other secluded areas. This includes going to and from the church, school, gym, or cafeteria.
- Physical contact between young men and women is not allowed on campus. This includes massaging another student (or teacher) regardless of gender.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Stewardship

To help preserve and maintain what the Lord has given us, follow these campus guidelines:

- Do not chew gum anywhere on campus. This includes the church, school, gym, cafeteria, playground, and all parking lots.

- Open food and/or beverages should not be brought into the school. You may take a sealable bottle of water into the classroom at the teacher's discretion.
- Please help by picking up trash and not littering.

Campus Keys

For authorized work or class purposes, campus keys may be borrowed from a teacher. Keys must be returned. Duplicating keys is prohibited.

Damaged Property

Students are individually responsible for any damage to or loss of NBCS property, whether the damage is intentional or accidental. In the case of damage in an unsupervised situation, the cost will be assessed equally among the students involved if the responsible party cannot be determined.

Loitering

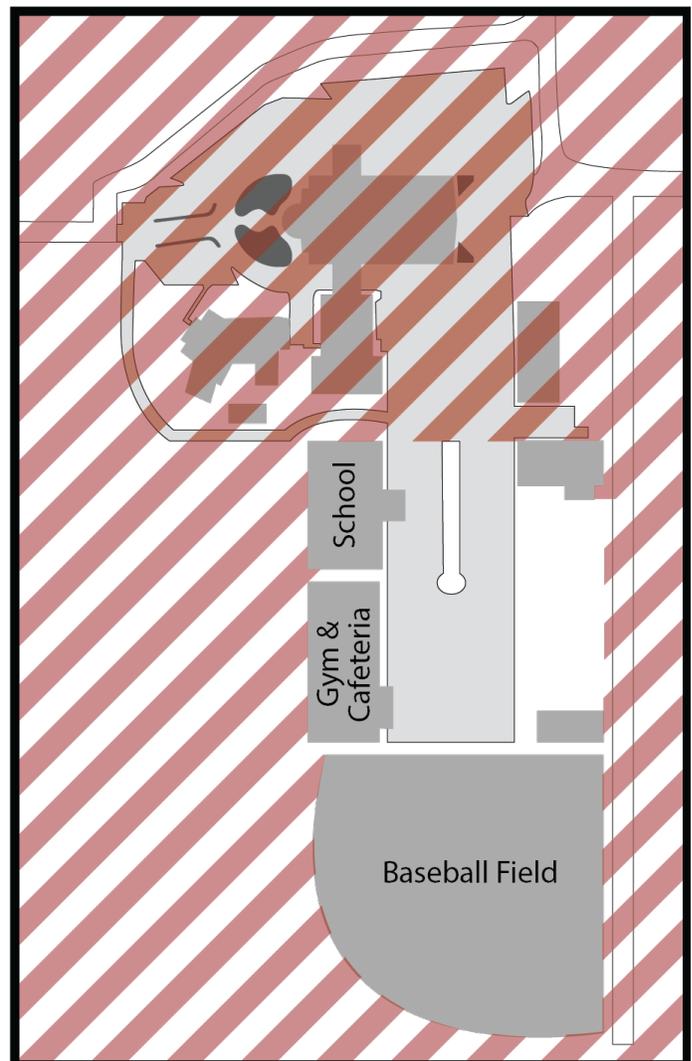
Students are not allowed to loiter in the halls or restrooms.

Campus Boundaries

Students must stay within the boundaries set by the teacher at all times. No students are allowed behind the school or gym or beyond the school (i.e. the church) without permission from a teacher. Supervision is required to use the baseball field. A student must be accountable to a teacher at all times regarding his whereabouts. Students may not leave campus early without permission from the teacher.

Failure to comply with the campus boundaries will result in immediate consequences and could lead to suspension.

Refer to the map - all areas marked with red are off limits during school hours unless a student is given permission by a teacher or staff.



CLASSROOM CONDUCT

Students are not allowed

- to sit at the teacher's desk, this includes the teacher's chair.
- to take or touch anything on the teacher's desk unless otherwise instructed.
- at the teacher's desk without permission.
- access to the teacher's grade book or personal computer.
- out of their desk without permission.
- to sleep at any time while on school campus (this excludes kindergarten).
- to lie on the floor, sit on desk-tops, or sit under desks.
- prop feet up while seated at their desk (feet must remain on the floor).

Students are allowed

- to wear their jacket (excluding the hood) in the classroom at the teacher's discretion.
- to use a small blanket in any classroom if the student is cold (with teacher's permission). It may rest on the student's lower half of the body only. It may not be worn around shoulders or head. If a blanket is not available, students may use their jacket as a blanket.
- to have sealable bottle water at the teacher's discretion.
- to use restroom at any time, but must first raise hand to ask permission from the teacher.
 - * If another classmate has already been excused to the restroom, the teacher may require the student to wait until his classmate is back. This is to keep students from loitering in the restrooms during class time.
- to use laptops (only high school) in classrooms with teacher's permission (this excludes the teacher's laptop).

Classroom rules are to be followed in the library, cafeteria, and gymnasium where applicable.

CELL PHONE POLICY

All cell phones must be turned in to the student's teacher as soon as the student enters the classroom (or church/gym if it is prayer or assembly). Students who drive to school are allowed to keep phones in their vehicle. If a student is found in violation of this policy, the following will take place:

1st offense: The cell phone will be confiscated by the teacher, and a parent/guardian will be called to be made aware of the situation. The phone will be given back at the end of the school day.

2nd offense: The cell phone will be confiscated by the teacher, and a parent/guardian will be asked to come to the school to reprimand his/her child. The phone will be given to the parent.

3rd offense: The cell phone will be confiscated by the teacher and kept until winter break in December or summer break in May, depending on the time of the offense. A parent/guardian will be made aware of the situation and can make an appeal to the principal on the student's behalf.

**Exception: If a student is driving home and a parent/guardian cannot be reached to inform him that his child's phone has been confiscated, the student will be allowed to take his phone home. The student will not be allowed to come back to school until the parent/guardian has made contact with the teacher and/or principal.*

RESPECTFUL INTERACTION

In the school environment, certain individuals are authorized to give direction and enforce policies. Students are to treat those in positions of authority with proper respect and follow instructions willingly. This includes faculty and church staff as well as students who are serving in an official capacity (substitute teacher, class monitor, teacher assistant, etc.) Disrespect, disobedience, dishonesty, displaying bad attitude, acting dishonestly, and lying are not acceptable. If a student feels that a member of the faculty or staff is harassing, discriminating, or otherwise abusing his authority, the student should show respect to the offending person then inform the principal (or another teacher if he cannot find the principal) of the situation as soon as possible.

Addressing Faculty and Staff

Out of respect, students address faculty and staff by their titles (Brother or Sister), followed by their first name. Students address ministers and minister's wives by their title (Brother, Sister, Pastor, etc.) followed by their last name; the use of first names is not appropriate.

Weapons and Harmful Devices

To protect public safety, no student is permitted to possess fireworks, tasers, knives, explosives, firearms, or other weapons on the campus. Any questions regarding weapons are to be directed the teacher or principal.

Solicitation

Students may not participate in selling products or solicitation on campus excluding school fundraisers. There is to be no collection of money for any reason. Students desiring to sell items or conduct a fundraiser on campus must ask the teacher or principal.

Testimony/Conduct

Keep in mind that we represent Christ, and our conduct should always glorify the Lord. To help maintain our testimony within the community, standards should always be upheld, even when students are off campus. NBCS students may not go to bars, clubs, casinos, movie theaters, or other locations that may harm one's personal testimony.

CAFETERIA RULES

Because our cafeteria is not limited to school use, we must strive to keep it as clean and orderly as possible. The following are the cafeteria rules:

Clean Up

All students are expected to clean up after themselves when finished eating, and drinks should be emptied in the sink before thrown into the garbage cans.

Supplies

Students may ask a teacher to use plastic cutlery, cups, condiments, etc. This is allowed on the basis that a student asks only when he forgets and does not consistently use the cafeteria supplies.

Ice Machine

Students may use the ice machine for personal cups. Students may not use the ice machine for coolers.

Refrigerator

Students may use the cafeteria refrigerator with certain conditions. No open food or beverage is allowed. Students must label all food and beverages left in the refrigerator. Students must collect all food and beverages left in the refrigerator on Thursday. Failure to do so may result in suspension of refrigerator privileges.

Access

Students are only allowed in the cafeteria during first break and lunch break unless otherwise supervised by a teacher.

Students may not use restrooms located in the cafeteria/gym.

Lost or Forgotten Items

Since our cafeteria is used by our church for events, items left in the cafeteria may be moved or possibly thrown away. NBCS does not accept responsibly for lost or forgotten items.

STUDENT RIGHTS

The following rights are those privileges afforded to all NBCS students. These rights do not supersede any responsibility of each student to abide by the laws and regulations applicable to any other citizen. Any action or conduct that meets the definition of a crime under any state, federal, or local law is prohibited.

Health and Safety

Students have the right to expect NBCS to take reasonable care to provide services that contribute to their health and safety. It is the responsibility of students to make themselves familiar with those services and to utilize them as needed to make nutrition choices based on health as well as preferences.

Medical Supplies

Students have the right to use medication on campus. NBCS has a limited supply of medical and first aid supplies. Students may ask a teacher for common medication (e.g. Tylenol, Motrin, Benadryl, etc.). In order for a teacher to give a student medication, the medical waiver must be signed.

Spiritual Development

Students have the right to expect NBCS to provide reasonable opportunity for spiritual growth and well-being. Students are responsible for personal engagement in individual devotional life, chapel, church services, prayer meetings, and Christian service opportunities.

Academic Support

All students have the right to academic instruction, facilities, and classroom equipment (with teacher's permission) that will provide reasonable opportunity for success. It is the responsibility of students to invest adequate time and effort in their studies, to avail themselves of library and academic facilities, and to engage with faculty in academic pursuits.

Co-Curricular Opportunities

Students have the right to expect reasonable opportunities for social, athletic, and fine arts growth and development.

Students wanting to organize campus-wide activities—whether by word of mouth or through social media—must first get permission from the principal.

A student participating in co-curricular activities organized outside of the church/school must first ask permission from the principal.

Anti-Harassment

Students have the right to be treated with dignity, free from harassment in any form. Students are responsible to demonstrate Christian kindness and charity in all their relationships. It is the

responsibility of any student who believes that he has been the subject of legitimate harassment (not frivolous or groundless allegations) to report the incident immediately to a teacher and/or principal. Any student who is responsible for harassment will be subject to disciplinary action.

Non-Discrimination

NBCS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, and/or sex.

Should a student feel that discrimination has taken place in violation of this policy, it is the student's responsibility to report the matter immediately to a teacher and/or the principal.

If a student feels that a member of the faculty or staff is harassing, discriminating, or otherwise abusing his authority, the student should show respect to the offending person then inform the principal (or another teacher) of the situation as soon as possible.