



**Beech High School**  
**2022-2023**  
**STUDENT HANDBOOK**

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### Important Websites

Sumner County Schools	<a href="https://sumnerschools.org">https://sumnerschools.org</a>
Student Information System	skyward.sumnerschools.org
Beech High School	<a href="https://bhs.sumnerschools.org">https://bhs.sumnerschools.org</a>
Beech High School Counseling	<a href="http://beechhighschoolcounseling.com">http://beechhighschoolcounseling.com</a>
Beech High School Athletics	<a href="http://www.beechathletics.com">http://www.beechathletics.com</a>

## WELCOME

Students,

Welcome to a new year at Beech High School. I am excited to be the principal of the BEST high school in Sumner County. I am hoping that you will take the opportunity to get involved and invest in your year as a Beech Buccaneer. We, as a faculty and staff, are here to assist you in not only your learning, but in your growth as you transition into adulthood. We are excited for you to be a part of history and all the amazing things that BHS will accomplish in the 2022-2023 school year. BHS has been the centerpiece of the Shackle Island Community for many years, I encourage you to help us continue this by focusing on academics and showing pride in being a Beech Buccaneer. Here's to the best year yet.

*Kenneth Powell*  
*Principal*



## **BEECH HIGH SCHOOL VISION**

**Beech High School is dedicated to a student-centered collaborative culture that promotes excellence in literacy and mathematical processes in the Sciences, Arts and Humanities, and Career and Technical education courses to prepare our students for college and careers.**

### **Students:**

- are engaged in and value literacy as a life skill.
- experience mathematical processes through real-world application.
- exemplify college and career readiness through collaborative skills and effective communication.

### **Teachers:**

- are engaged in a collaborative culture that is student centered and data driven.
- incorporate literacy and mathematical processes across all disciplines.
- provide quality instruction based on Tennessee state standards and expectations.

### **School:**

- utilizes technology-enhanced instruction that promotes literacy and mathematical processes.
- models leadership that promotes a collaborative culture, which consists of students, teachers, and community.
- provides curriculum that is standards based and promotes college and career readiness for **all** students.

### **Parents and Community:**

- are invested in the promotion of high levels of literacy and mathematical processes.
- interact frequently with students to create a collaborative culture within our community.
- value data-driven instruction that promotes college and career readiness.

## SUMNER COUNTY SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULE 2022 – 2023

<b>Tuesday</b> , August 1, 2022	First Full Day of Instruction
<b>Monday</b> , September 5, 2022	Labor Day - No School
<b>Monday</b> , September 19, 2022	Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School
<b>Friday</b> , September 30, 2022	End 1st term 1st nine weeks
<b>Mon-Fri, October 3-7, 2022</b>	<b>Fall Break</b>
<b>Monday</b> , October 10, 2022	Students begin 1st term 2nd nine weeks
<b>Monday</b> , November 8, 2022	Professional Day for Teachers-No School
<b>Mon-Fri, November 21-25, 2022</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>
<b>Friday</b> , December 17, 2022	End 1st term 2nd nine weeks
<b>Mon-Mon, Dec 19-Jan 02, 2023</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> , January 4, 2023	First Full Day for students after break
<b>Monday</b> , January 16, 2023	Professional Day for Teachers - No School
<b>Monday</b> , February 20, 2023	Professional Day for Teachers – No School
<b>Mon-Mon</b> , February 27-March 3, 2023	Sumner County Teacher Appreciation Wk
<b>Friday</b> , March 10, 2023	End 2nd term 1st nine weeks
<b>Mon-Fri, March 13-17, 2023</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>Friday</b> , April 7-10, 2023	No School
<b>Friday</b> , May 26, 2023	Report Card Day

## DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

7:45	First Bell
7:55	Warning Bell
8:00 - 9:30	First Block
9:30 - 9:38	<i>Class Change</i>
9:38 – 11:08	Second Block
11:08 – 11:16	<i>Class Change</i>
11:22 - 1:22	Third Block and Lunch
1:22 – 1:30	<i>Class Change</i>
1:30 – 3:00	Fourth Block
3:00	Dismissal

## ADMINISTRATION

**Kenneth Powell**      **Principal**

The student population will be divided alphabetically and will be assigned an Assistant Principal:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Administrator</b>
A to D	Dr. David Kinman
E to K	Mr. Steve Shephard
L to Q	Dr. Jodi Green
R to Z	Dr. Josh McDowd

The Assistant Principals will be responsible for attendance, discipline, and other matters concerning their assigned students.

## SCHOOL COUNSELING

Counselors are assigned students by the first letter of their last name. Counselors are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Counselor</b>
A to D	Ms. Christy Hood
E to K	Mrs. Dana Butler
L to Q	Mrs. Christy Croft
R to Z	Mrs. Cindy Dupree

## GRADING

Students will receive grade/progress reports from their teachers at the end of each 4 1/2 week period. Students are expected to deliver the report cards to their parents. Grades will be averaged on a number system and reported as a letter grade on the report card and final transcript.

The grading scale is as follows:

<b>A</b>	<b>90-100</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>80-89</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>70-79</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>60-69</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Below 60</b>

## EXEMPTIONS

### **Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> can be exempt from exams**

Students with an A average and 3 or fewer absences (unexcused or excused) are eligible to be exempt from exams. Students with a B average and 2 or fewer absences are exempt and students with a C average and no more than one absent are exempt. This policy is per class. All teachers must follow the policy.

EOC course will give a final chapter/unit test on exam days for those who are not exempt.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

As established by the Tennessee State Board of Education and the Sumner County Board of Education and regarding graduation requirements, a high school diploma or an appropriate certificate will be awarded as described below:

### Graduation Requirements

#### (a) High School Diploma and Special Ed. Certificates

1. To earn a regular **high school diploma**, students must (1) earn the prescribed credit minimum, (2) complete the ACT or SAT if enrolled in a Tennessee public school during their eleventh (11th) grade year, (3) meet the civics requirements, and (4) have a satisfactory record of attendance and discipline.
2. A **special education diploma** may be awarded at the end of their fourth (4th) year of high school to students with disabilities who have (1) not met the requirements for a regular high school diploma, (2) received special education services or supports and made satisfactory progress on an individualized education program (IEP), and (3) have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct. Students who obtain the special education diploma may continue to work toward a regular high school diploma through the end of the school year in which they turn twenty-two (22) years old.
3. An **occupational diploma** may be awarded to students with disabilities at the end of their fourth year of high school who have (1) not met the requirements for a regular high school diploma, (2) received special education services or supports and made satisfactory progress on an IEP, (3) have satisfactory records of attendance and



conduct, (4) have completed the occupational diploma Skills, Knowledge, and Experience Mastery Assessment (SKEMA) created by the Tennessee Department of Education, and (5) have completed two (2) years of paid or non-paid work experience. The determination that an occupational diploma is the goal for a student with a disability will be made at the conclusion of the student's tenth (10th) grade year or two (2) academic years prior to the expected graduation date. Students who obtain the occupational diploma may continue to work toward a regular high school diploma through the end of the school year in which they turn twenty-two (22) years old.

4. Beginning with students entering the ninth (9th) grade in 2018, an **alternate academic diploma** may be awarded to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities at the end of their fourth (4th) year of high school who have (1) participated in the high school alternate assessments, (2) earned the prescribed twenty-two (22) credit minimum, (3) received special education services or supports and made satisfactory progress on an IEP, (4) have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct, and (5) have completed a transition assessment(s) that measures, at a minimum, postsecondary education and training, employment, independent living, and community involvement. The required credits may be earned either through the state-approved standards or through alternate academic diploma course requirements defined by the Department of Education. A student who earns an alternate academic diploma shall continue to be eligible for special education services under IDEA until the student receives a regular high school diploma or through the school year in which the student turns twenty-two (22).

**(b) High School Diploma**

The following 26 units shall be required for graduation.

English Language Arts .....	4
Mathematics.....	4
Science.....	3
Social Studies.....	3
Wellness.....	1
Physical Education.....	0.5
Personal Finance.....	0.5
Foreign Language.....	2
Fine Arts.....	1
Elective Focus.....	3
Additional Sumner County Electives.....	4
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>26</b>

**Students who do not meet the minimum requirements will not receive a diploma and will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

## FOCUSED AREA

Students, as you attend Beech High School for four years, you will be required to choose and develop a focused area of study. This focused area will be developed by taking three courses or electives in an area of interest. Our CTE, Career Technical Education program provides many different programs of study for you to choose. They range from Business Management to Power, Structures and Technical Systems. You will discover that there are a wide range of focus areas available to you. In addition, a student may also challenge themselves to develop a focus area of study by taking three additional courses (beyond the required number) in the areas of Math, Science, or Fine Arts.

### SUMNER COUNTY ACADEMIC RECOGNITION/GPA

<b>Tiers of Recognition</b>	<b>Cumulative GPA</b>	<b>Honors and AP Credits</b>
“With Highest Recognition”	3.90	18
“With High Recognition”	3.70	16
“With Notable Recognition”	3.50	14
“With Recognition”	3.50	Fewer than 14

With the exception of transfer students (see item number 4 below), this academic recognition plan includes all credits attempted by students for all terms of their high school career. The GPA is based on a four-point scale with internal weighting only (three points on the final numerical grade for an honors course and five points on the final numerical grade for an Advanced Placement course).

1. Rank by number will be assigned only to valedictorian and salutatorian. If there is a GPA tie, the valedictorian will be identified as the student having the highest GPA coupled with the largest number of credits at the honors and AP levels. For purposes of ranking valedictorian and salutatorian, only classes in a student’s 4 period schedule will count in the number of honors and AP credits. Hence any virtual class taken in addition to a student’s normal school schedule (4 classes per semester) will not be counted in the number of honors and AP credits.
2. If the GPA and the number of credits are tied, the individuals at this level will share rank. If no students qualify for valedictorian or salutatorian at the highest recognition tier, then each successive tier will be reviewed for students with the highest GPA and, in case of a tie, with the highest number of honors and AP credits within that tier. Students other than valedictorian and salutatorian will be recognized only by the tier in which they fall not by a specific number.
3. Credits earned prior to entering the ninth grade will not be included in the computation of grade point average and academic recognition.
4. No transfer course will be awarded honors or AP credit unless so designated on the transcript. Honors and Advanced Placement transfer credit will be accepted only from schools accredited by the Tennessee Department of Education or those accredited by agencies approved by the Tennessee Department of Education.
5. Sumner County Schools will honor the letter grades reflected on the transcript of the transferring student from the Tennessee Department of Education’s list of approved schools at <http://tn.gov/education/topic/non-public-schools>.

6. To be named valedictorian or salutatorian, a student must be enrolled in the high school the last five of the eight terms in school. It is possible, however, for a transfer student with fewer than the last five of the eight terms to share the position of valedictorian or salutatorian.

GRADUATION WITH STATE HONORS AND STATE DISTINCTION  
[R & R 0520-1-3.06]

1. Students who score at or above all the subject area readiness benchmarks on the ACT or equivalent score on the SAT will graduate with “state honors.”
2. Students will be recognized as graduating with “state distinction” by attaining a “B” average and completing at least one of the following:
  - a. Earn a nationally and/or state recognized industry certification.
  - b. Participate in at least one of the Governor’s Schools.
  - c. Participate in one of the state’s All State musical organizations.
  - d. Be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist.
  - e. Attain a score of 31 or higher composite score on the ACT or SAT equivalent.
  - f. Attain a score of 3 or higher on at least two advanced placement exams.
  - g. Successfully complete the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.
  - h. Earn 12 or more semester hours on transcript of postsecondary credit.
3. Students that voluntarily complete at least ten (10) hours of community service each semester the student attends a public high school shall be recognized at their graduation ceremony.
4. Each school is authorized under Sumner County Board of Education approval of this guide to prescribe a way “state honors”, “state distinction”, and/or #3 above will be noted and recognized at graduation.

### **Graduation Ceremony**

No student will be permitted to go through graduation ceremonies in Sumner County until all requirements for graduation have been satisfactorily completed.

### **Classification of Students**

Students will be classified by both tenure in the school program and by credits earned. The policy on Senior Warning Procedures is applicable to all students who anticipate graduating within the academic year. Year of entry will be the basis for determining graduation requirements.

Classification is done at the beginning of the fall term and is for one full year.

**Freshman:** A student who satisfactorily completed the eighth grade.

**Sophomore:** A student who is in the second year of high school and has satisfactorily completed 6 credits.

**Junior:** A student who is in the third year of high school and has satisfactorily completed 12 credits.

**Senior:** A student who is in the fourth year of high school and has satisfactorily completed 18 credits.

**Graduating Senior:** Graduating senior is a student who is in at least the fourth year of high school and in range of graduation.

## **SUMNER COUNTY ATTENDANCE POLICY**

The Board recognizes that good attendance at school is basic to student learning. Attendance is a key factor in student achievement: therefore, students are expected to be present each day that school is in session. Parents have both a legal obligation and a moral responsibility to see that children are present every day that school is in session.

### **Tennessee Compulsory School Attendance Law**

The Compulsory School Attendance Law in Tennessee requires children to attend school each day. A student who has been absent five days (this means a total of five days during the school year and not necessarily five consecutive days) without adequate excuse is considered truant and may be summoned to court. Whenever possible, attendance issues should be resolved at the school level. Prior to referral to a truancy officer, a meeting shall be held at the school to assist the family and improve student attendance via an attendance contract. If unexcused absences continue to accumulate, the Director of Schools or his/her designee will report the parent and student to the Juvenile Court for further action.

For absences of a full or part day to be considered excused, a written note from the parent, guardian, or doctor must be provided. After accumulation of five days of excused absences, the parent\guardian must file more formal documentations as an excused absence.

The following are official/adequate excuses that should be turned in to the attendance secretary in the school office

- Medical note for the student (doctor, dentist, hospital, etc.)
- Student illness not requiring a doctor visit (five parent notes per semester)
- Court note for the student
- Funeral notice
- Recognized religious holiday
- College Visits
- Military deployment paperwork for parent

### **Tardy**

Any student not in the classroom when the class begins is tardy. Students who accumulate excessive unexcused tardies are considered truant and will be reported to Juvenile Court. A tardy is only verified by a doctor's note

### **Unexcused Early Dismissals**

For any student that is dismissed from school without a valid reason, the absence will be considered an unexcused early dismissal. A doctor's note verifies the early dismissal. A parent note may only be used to excuse a full day of absences.

### **Consequences for Minor Offenses**

First offense: Warning

Second offense: Parent contact

Third offense: Detention and phone turn into teacher until the end of class.

Fourth offense: Detention and phone turned into teacher for three consecutive days.

Fifth offense: ISS and turn in phone to teacher upon returning to class for five consecutive days.

If more than 5 offenses, a major writeup will be handed into the office. If student is continually tardy to school, driving privileges may be revoked.

### **Make-up work**

Upon the first day of returning to school, it is the students to contact the teacher(s) regarding make-up work. During the school year, make-up work must be completed within a number of days equal to the number of consecutive days of the absence.

## **BHS SPECIFIC ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS**

Students are required to be in every class on time and to stay for the entire class. Any student out of class is required to have a written hall pass signed by the teacher. (Forms provided by the Office.) **Absence from any class without authorization will be considered skipping and will be treated as a discipline infraction.**

When you arrive at school, you must report directly to your assigned location and **you may not return to the parking lot during the day without written permission from an administrator.** If you become ill during the day, report to the office and request office personnel to contact your parent to pick you up. Any student who leaves school before the normal dismissal time must **SIGN OUT and bring a parent note when returning to school!**

### **EARLY DISMISSAL**

A parent may come into the office and sign out a student at any time. Notes will be accepted for early dismissal if presented in the office before **8:00** so it can be confirmed by phone with a parent or guardian. Only administrators or parents may give permission for a student to leave school. **REMEMBER TO SIGN OUT and bring a note when returning to school if one was not provided when signing out!**

### **LATE ARRIVALS**

A student arriving after 8:00 must sign in at the Front Office. An admit slip will be given to the student for admission to class. **REMEMBER TO SIGN IN THROUGH EITHER OFFICE,**

### **ABSENTEE SLIPS (ADMIT SLIPS TO CLASS)**

Upon return from an absence, the student must present a verified excuse note or a parent note to the attendance clerk to get an admit slip before 8:00 AM. Your note from home or doctor should include: Full name, date(s) of the absence, grade level, and parent phone for verification.

**You will not be admitted to class without an absentee slip and will receive a tardy infraction if you must leave class to go get one on class time.**

## MAKE-UP PROCEDURES

### **Make-up Work**

All missed class work or tests must be made up provided the student brings a note for the absence upon return to school and makes a request to the teacher within 24 hours upon returning to school. **The make-up work must be returned to the teacher within a number of days equal to the absence.**

### **Make-up Tests**

Students will be allowed to make up missed tests promptly upon return. **Any test not made up will be recorded as a zero (0) until it is made up.**

### **Extended Illness**

If a student's illness extends longer than three (3) days, a parent may contact the school and request assignments to be made up. A minimum of one (1) full school day is necessary to have the assignments ready for pick-up. It is the **student's responsibility always** to check with the teacher upon returning to school to see what work was missed and to plan to make up any tests and/or quizzes and any other requirements of the class.

## CODE OF DISCIPLINE

The following Code of Discipline is a set of rules and policies which you must obey. Contained in the Code are State and Federal laws, Sumner County School Board policies, as well as Beech Senior High School rules. The Code is for one purpose only: **to be sure that we maintain a safe and orderly atmosphere, one conducive to learning, and one where a student may fulfill his or her potential.** Students are encouraged and expected to report anything that they feel poses an imminent danger to students. Rewards may be offered under special circumstances.

## STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

1. Students should be seated when the tardy bell rings.
2. A yellow slip is required for admission to class after an absence.
3. Cell phones must be put into a pouch upon entry of the classroom (teacher may monitor cell phone use).
4. Hall passes are mandatory if a student leaves a class.
5. IDs are not optional.
6. Be respectful of teachers, students, and the learning environment.
7. Students should remain on task during class time.
8. Food and drinks are not allowed in any classroom (water is permitted).
9. Students should refrain from loitering.
10. Students should remain seated until dismissed by the teacher.

## STUDENT RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND PRIVILEGES

Each student has the **right** to a full day's learning each day, in a safe and orderly environment, free from disruption by other students and from unnecessary distractions. Each student has the **right** to be treated with respect by other students and by his/her teachers.

Each student has the **responsibility** to know and to obey the rules and regulations of Beech Senior High School so that all students may attain the highest possible level of academic achievement and personal growth.

### DRUGS/ALCOHOL/THC PRODUCTS

Any student in possession of illegal drugs or paraphernalia designed for the **use of drugs**, or any student found to be under the influence of drugs will receive a maximum of a ten-day suspension or possible complete expulsion from school depending on the severity of the offense.

Illegal drugs include but are not limited to marijuana, alcohol, prescribed drugs (not checked in with school officials), cocaine, narcotics, THC products, Delta 8, and hallucinogens.

It is against the Sumner County Board of Education policy for any student to possess, sell, furnish, or barter any illegal drug on school property or during any school related activity. Violators will be referred to the Discipline Committee of the Board of Education and will be subject to existing local, state, and federal narcotics and legend drug laws.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at school or at any school related activity, regardless of location. Any student in possession of or under the influence of alcohol will be liable to suspension from school.

### TOBACCO/VAPE/VAPE PARAPHERNALIA

Students that are found to have tobacco/vapes/paraphernalia will receive 3 days of OSS for first offense. Multiple offenses will lead to a Disciplinary Hearing.

### ATHLETIC EVENTS

All athletic events at BHS are under the Rules and Regulations of the TSSAA. This includes both participants and spectators. Every student at such events must use sportsmanlike conduct. These are school events, and ALL rules apply.

### CAR PASSES

A student must have written permission from the office or an administrator to go to the parking lot. **These will only be given in an emergency.**

### ID BADGES

All students must always wear ID Badges in the building. You may purchase a replacement ID card from 7:30-8:00 in the library. The cost of a replacement is \$2. If you do not have an ID card and do not replace it, you can hand in your cell phone for a temporary card for the day. Multiple offenses will result in ISS.

## CELL PHONES

It is our intention to protect learning time and minimize distractions in class. Students who are texting, talking, or playing games on their phone are not giving their full attention to instruction.

**No taking pictures or videoing during school hours. If you are found to post pictures or videos of students from during the school day, suspensions will be given.**

**Phones and other recording devices are not permitted to be used in classrooms unless specific permission is given by the teacher for a specific assignment.**

## CHEATING

If a teacher suspects a student of cheating to earn a grade, then that teacher shall consider an alternative test or measure. Unless a teacher has absolute proof of cheating, the student shall be given the benefit of an alternative measurement or test. When a teacher has proof of cheating, a grade of “zero” will be issued and the matter shall be turned over to the principal for disciplinary action.

## BEECH HIGH SCHOOL STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE

Students are reminded that while some garments may be suitable for other occasions, they may not be deemed appropriate for school attire. When, in the opinion of the administration and staff, a student is not dressed appropriately or exhibits grooming which is considered detrimental or distracting to the educational environment, appropriate action shall be taken.

### **THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES SHALL BE ENFORCED:**

- \*Extreme hair styles or extreme hair color that distracts or interferes with the learning environment or operation of the school will not be allowed.
- \*Extreme body piercings or jewelry that distracts or interferes with the learning environment or operation of the school will not be allowed; this is at the discretion of the principal.
- \*Jewelry must not be distracting, disruptive, or unsafe
- \*No saggy or sagging pants. No flesh or other garments should be visible by pants being worn too low. Pants must be worn on the waist. Undergarments should not be visible between shirt/top and pants/skirts.
- \***No holes above the top of the knees in clothing; hole cannot extend past the top of the knee**
- \*Skirt length or slits in skirts must not be higher than the tip of the fingers with hands at the side.
- \***Leggings are allowed. The shirt or coverup must be at least tip of the finger length with hands at the side.**
- \*Shorts are allowed. (must not be higher tip of fingers with hands at the side); **No biker shorts or running shorts.**
- \*No form fitting/body conforming clothes or revealing necklines
- \*Shoulders must be covered by a 2-inch or more shoulder seam; male shirts must have sleeves
- \*Clothing made of sheer (see through) material is not allowed unless appropriate clothes are underneath
- \***No pajamas (tops or bottoms) or house shoes**
- \*No suggestive slogans, vulgar captions, pictures of ads for tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or sex



- \*No lettering across seats of garments
- \*No head dress unless for religious purposes
- \*No tinted glasses/sunglasses unless doctors prescribed
- \*No clothing or articles related to gang
- \***No shirts that show the midriff**
- \***No hats inside the building, this includes durags, hoodies, shaws, skull caps, or toboggans.**
- \*Tattoos will be handled at principal's discretion (may be asked to cover)
- \*No shoes with cleats or rollers
- \*Jackets and coats are not part of the dress code. All clothing under jackets must be dress code appropriate.
- \*Any other clothing/dress/attire that may distract or interfere with the learning environment or operation of the school will not be allowed.

**Consequences for Dress Code Violations:**

- First Offense: Change or Go to ISS
- Second Offense: ISS and loss of phone for the day
- Third Offense: 2 days of ISS and loss of phone for 2 days

**FIGHTING**

Fighting will not be tolerated and will be met with stern disciplinary action. Fights have loosely defined stages including mouthing, taunting, cursing, threatening, shoving/pushing, wrestling, and actual hitting/slapping/punching. All these steps are considered contributing factors to and part of a fight. In most cases both students are deeply involved in several of these steps. For that reason, except in very rare instances, all involved in any of these steps of a fight will be disciplined. Each of the developing stages of a fight presents the opportunity for a student to simply walk away or to notify an adult of the problem. To refuse to do so is a choice to continue the development of the fight. Suspension will almost always result for both parties. In addition, any student who actively encourages the fight or contributes to its developing stages may also be disciplined.

Fighting may result in notification of the Student Resource Officer for arrest of the student for unruly behavior and for disturbing the peace. Repeat offenses will result in Out of School Suspension for ten (10) days with a referral to the School Board Disciplinary Committee.

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

Any financial obligation which is incurred by a student must be cleared before grades or transcripts can be issued. Students must be cleared of any obligations to be exempt from exams. If a student is involved in a fundraiser, the money and/or merchandise for which the student owes must be cleared.

**FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

Any student who pulls a school fire alarm falsely will be automatically suspended from school for ten (10) days and referred to the State and Hendersonville Fire Marshalls for prosecution. Fire alarms are placed in school buildings for the safety of students and are not to be

tampered with. Also, do not tamper with the sprinkler system, fire extinguishers, or any other fire safety equipment. Any student who does so will be charged with vandalism and subject to pay all damages. We will not tolerate any behaviors which endanger our students.

### LUNCHTIME

When dismissed to lunch, do not loiter in the instructional hallways or at lockers. Go quickly and directly to cafeteria. During lunchtime, you are to be only in the designated area. You may go to the gym lobby restrooms with permission.

**Students are not to be on the front patio or in the parking lots or other areas not supervised by an adult.** Eating is allowed only in the cafeteria. Students are to stay seated unless throwing away trash or getting items from the cafeteria line. No loitering at other tables.

### SKIPPING

Students who leave campus without signing out may be assigned ISS/OSS and lose driving privileges. **Students may not leave campus for any reason during the school day without signing out.** Students that are not in their assigned class without teacher permission are considered skipping.

Consequences for skipping:

First offense: One day ISS and loss of phone/Loss of driving privileges for the term

Second offense: Two days ISS and loss of phone for 2 days/Loss of driving privileges for the semester.

Third Offense: OSS/Loss of driving privileges for the year.

### OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINK

Students are prohibited from consuming competitive food and drink (i.e. McDonalds, Chic-fil-a, Dairy Queen, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, etc) in classrooms and the cafeteria during the school day. You cannot have outside food in the cafeteria. If someone has brought you outside food for lunch, you will have to eat in the office.

### MAILING LISTS

Several companies have contracts which require that we give them the mailing addresses of our students. Jostens (yearbook) and Lifetouch Portraits (Senior Pictures) are two such companies. A written request from parents to the principal will delete their student's name.

### MORNING ARRIVAL

Once you arrive at school, leaving campus without permission is considered skipping. As you enter the building, you are to go directly to the assigned area. Students are dismissed from these areas at 7:45 AM to go to their 1<sup>st</sup> block class.

## PICTURE RELEASE

Pictures of students for promoting Beech High School academics, sports, and extracurricular activities may be released to newspapers, yearbooks, school websites, and other forms of media. If you wish not to have your student's picture released, a written form is required.

## PROFANITY

Profane or vulgar language will not be tolerated in the classrooms, hallways, or at any school activity. Stern discipline will be dealt any student guilty of this type of conduct.

## PROPERTY DAMAGE – VANDALISM

Any student involved in the damage or vandalism of school property will be required to compensate Beech Senior High School or Sumner County Board of Education for all damages. The individual(s) will also face disciplinary action and be reported to law enforcement officials.

## PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Any public display of affection and overt physical contact is not permitted and will be considered a disciplinary infraction.

## ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT/ AIR PODS, LAPTOPS, IPADS, PHONES, ETC.

Electronic equipment should not be brought to school unless needed for some special project or classroom activity. Equipment can be expensive, and students are discouraged from bring items to school. The school **cannot be responsible** for items that are lost or stolen.

## SCHOOL BUS

All Sumner County Board of Education and Beech Senior High School rules apply on school buses. The school bus driver is a school official, and students must comply with all school bus rules and follow the direction of the driver. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action or loss of bus riding privileges.

## SEXUAL HARASSMENT/HARASSMENT

Beech High School will enforce the Sexual Harassment/Harassment Policy as prescribed by the Sumner County Board of Education.

## SIGNS OR POSTERS

Any signs or posters placed in the building must have the approval of the administration. After approval, there are designated areas for them to be hung. Posters and signs should be removed by the group who posted them following the event.

## SLEEPING IN CLASS

Sleeping in class is not allowed. Any student who goes to sleep in class will be written up. If a student continues to sleep in class, they will be sent to their assigned principal.

## WEAPONS

A weapon is any instrument or device used for the purpose of causing physical harm to any individual. Any object that resembles a weapon designed to cause harm to other individuals or to cause one to believe that the object is a real weapon will also be regarded as a weapon. The following items will be regarded as weapons (this list is not exhaustive): guns (operable or not), knives, box cutters, razor blades, clubs, bats or police batons, paintball guns, pellet guns, BB guns, brass knuckles, chains of any type, toy pistols of all kinds including water pistols and cap guns., and spiked wristbands. Students who bring weapons on campus for any reason will be suspended until a disciplinary hearing is arranged and hear the charges. This may result in expulsion from school, arrest, and formal charges being made.

## DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

The school administration and staff will employ whatever means necessary to maintain a safe and orderly school environment.

## MINOR AND MAJOR OFFENSES

Students will receive a minor offense (yellow) for discipline infractions in class. Students are given three opportunities to adjust behaviors before a detention is given.

Students will receive a major offense (blue) when they are excluded from class. Report straight to the office when sent out of class. If found going to other areas, you will be considered skipping as well.

## DETENTION

1. Students will be given three days to serve the detention. Failure to serve the detention will result in 1 day of ISI.
2. Students serving detention will report to the assigned detention location
  - a. Times for morning detention: 7:00 to 7:45
  - b. Times for afternoon detention 3:05 to 3:50
  - c. Students will complete custodial duties or detention assignments
3. Remember that detention is a consequence for actions not acceptable at our school. Students that do not serve their detention will be placed in In-School-Isolation.

## IN SCHOOL ISOLATION

Students may be assigned to In School Isolation for a designated number of days. Students who are assigned to ISI must report to the ISI room before 8:00 A.M. Students will be expected to continue regular class assignments while serving ISI. Students who do not follow directions or do not work silently throughout the day will be removed from ISI to Out-of-School Suspension.

A student in ISI will be counted present at school and is expected to complete regular class assignments.

## OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION AND DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

A principal may suspend a student for up to ten days. At the principal's discretion a student may be referred to a disciplinary committee for a hearing. The committee may recommend temporary removal from class, temporary out of suspension, alternative school, in school isolation, or expulsion from attending any Sumner County School.

Sumner County Board of Education policy states that a student who is suspended from school must not be on the property of any Sumner County School.

## STUDENT SERVICES

### BOOKSTORE

Our bookstore called the BUC STOP is in the hall across from the cafeteria. It is open during breaks, including lunch time. The bookstore sells Beech High spirit items such as shirts, hats, and Buccaneer memorabilia.

### BREAKS BETWEEN CLASSES

Horseplay or boisterous behavior will not be tolerated. During breaks between classes, vending snacks and drinks may be purchased from the machines in the gym and vocational lobbies. **Food must be consumed before entering the classrooms. Litter should be disposed of properly. Failure to do so may result in loss of machine privileges.**

### CAFETERIA

All students should maintain a proper place in line and keep noise to a minimum. No one will be permitted in the cafeteria except during their assigned lunch period. Each student is responsible for trays, paper, or trash in his/her area.

### DRIVERS LICENSE FORMS

Forms should be requested before 8 A.M. from the front office and may be picked up at the end of the day in the front office. Students not passing 3 classes or failing to comply with the Attendance Policy (Including Tardies) will not receive the forms. Forms are only good for 30 days. If the form expires, you will need to request another won following the same procedures.

Students will have to wait until the next grading period before requesting the forms again if they do not meet the criteria.

### LOCKS AND LOCKERS

**\*\*Lockers will not be distributed at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year\*\***

Students may be assigned a locker with a locker fee of \$5.00. No personal locks are allowed, and locker doors should be kept locked. Never leave money or valuables unattended. **Lockers should not be shared.** No food or perishable items should be left in lockers overnight. The school is not responsible for items lost or stolen. And please note: LOCKERS ARE THE PROPERTY OF BHS AND ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH.

### MEDICATIONS

Medications are required to be turned in to the front office when students come to school to be kept in a safe location. Students who require medications must have a written form from a doctor on file in the front office. If you require aspirin or Tylenol, please bring an unopened bottle with the proper form to the annex office.

### PARKING

The Sumner County Board of Education provides school bus transportation for all in-zone students who live farther than walking distance from school. Beech does not have the staff available for adequate parking lot supervision and can take no responsibility for damage, vandalism, or thefts that take place at school. **PARKING IS A PRIVILEGE** that is granted to students according to the BHS parking policy. **It is a privilege that will be taken away if regulations and guidelines are not followed.**

**Every student who parks on campus must always have their vehicle registered with the school and a current parking decal adhered to the front driver side windshield.**

#### **If Desiring to Park at School, These Guidelines Must Be Maintained:**

1. All vehicles must display a current BHS Parking Decal. (Can be purchased at Orange Rush or from the Vocational CTE office after school starts.) Vehicles not registered displaying decal will be ticketed. Parking fines are paid at the Vocational CTE office.
2. All student drivers must park in assigned parking locations.
3. All drivers on campus will **observe the 10-mph speed limit.**
4. Each driver is responsible for securing his/her own vehicle.
5. **NO STUDENT WILL PARK IN ANY SPACE IN THE BUS ZONE**
6. **The following violations will result in loss of driving privileges:**  
Excessive tardiness, skipping, continued driving offenses, and reckless driving.
7. Parking tickets are to be paid the next day in the CTE Vocational Office.
8. During school hours, students cannot be in the parking lot without permission from an administrator or a note from the front office.

#### **Failure to follow regulations will result in:**

Parking and traffic fines

Parking on BHS campus revoked  
Vehicle towing – at owner’s expense  
Other forms of discipline at Principal’s discretion

### STARS (STUDENTS TAKING A RIGHT STAND)

STARS is a school-based program dedicated to helping students make healthy lifestyle choices and refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs, and violence. STARS will explore and take advantage of the positive influences young people can have on others and affect changes in their behavior and outlook. During group and individual sessions, the following topics may be discussed: drug and alcohol abuse, self-concept, decision-making and coping skills. All information is strictly confidential.

### STUDENT INSURANCE

The Sumner County Board of Education does not provide accident insurance to cover students. We strongly recommend that parents purchase school insurance from a private or public resource, especially if the student participates in athletics. Students may not travel with school groups without insurance coverage.

### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

A School Resource Officer (SRO) is a certified police officer who is assigned full-time to a school. For this, SRO’s receive many hours of ongoing specialized training. This enables the SRO to gain a better perspective of students in school. By carefully assessing the needs of individual students, SRO’s will be more aware of the development of unhealthy or destructive behavioral patterns.

The SRO acts as instructor, law enforcer, and advisor within the school. The presence of SRO’s tends to strengthen the student/police bond and show the officer’s commitment to the students, their safety, and their education.

### TECHNOLOGY

The library and computer lab are available for students to use before and after school. Please see Mrs. Hayes (Annex Computer Lab) and Mrs. Marks and Mrs. Witt (Library) for information regarding times and services.

## EXTRACURRICULAR & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Beech offers a wide range of activities and groups for our students. Some of the groups are directly linked to a class and some are not.

Academic Decathlon Team

Best Buddies

BETA club

Chorus

DECA (Marketing Organization)

Drama

Engineering

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)

FCCLA (Family and Consumer Science Organization)

FFA (Agriculture Organization)

Foreign Language

HOSA (Health Science Club)

Interact

Junior Classical League (Latin Classes)

Mock Trial

Model UN

National Honor Society

National Technical Honor Society

Journey Quest

Renaissance Leadership Team

Skills USA (Cosmetology, Digital Art, CJ)

STARS

Venture Crew

Yearbook Staff

Marching Band

Concert Band

Bowling

Cheerleading

Cross Country

Dance

Fishing

Football

Golf

Hockey\*

Rugby\*

Soccer

Softball

Swimming\*

Tennis

Track

Wrestling

Your involvement in these activities is what makes them a success on campus. There is something for everyone, so get involved!

\*These activities are club sports, not specifically held at BHS.



## **NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. They are: (1) The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the School System receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. (2) The right to request amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the Sumner County School District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing. (3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the Board of Education; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the District discloses records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. Requests are forwarded upon request. (4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Dept. of Education  
600 Independence Ave. Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

**Respect – Give It to Get It:**

Dress in a way that earns respect  
Treat others as you want to be treated  
Use language that respects all who hear it

**Responsibility – You Control Your Success:**

Know and abide by the Code of Conduct  
Accept and learn from consequences  
Be proactive, not reactive

**Ready to Learn – Preparation leads to Success:**

Come to school with appropriate materials  
Be on time to school and each class  
Be actively engaged in class

	<b>Classroom</b>	<b>Halls</b>	<b>Cafeteria/ Commons</b>	<b>Library &amp; Computer Labs</b>	<b>Bathrooms</b>	<b>On the Bus</b>	<b>Other Activities &amp; Areas</b>
<b>Respect</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Be on Task</b></li> <li>* Follow Directions</li> <li>* Raise your hand</li> <li>* Use <b>Appropriate language</b></li> <li>* Wait turn to speak</li> <li>* Care for textbooks, Equipment &amp; Technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Respond to adults in a positive manner.</li> <li>* Use <b>appropriate language</b></li> <li>* Keep halls clean</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Wait your turn</li> <li>* Use <b>good table manners</b></li> <li>* Be polite to cafeteria staff</li> <li>* Consume food and drinks only in this area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Listen and work quietly</li> <li>* <b>No food or drink</b></li> <li>* Handle materials and equipment with care.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Respect privacy</b></li> <li>* Talk quietly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Board the bus quickly</li> <li>* stay seated</li> <li>* Respect the driver</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Speak and act politely</b></li> <li>* Follow school rules</li> <li>* Respect those in authority and other adults</li> </ul>
<b>Ready to Learn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Be on Time</b></li> <li>* Have necessary materials</li> <li>* Put textbooks, materials &amp; equipment away when finished.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Keep the right</b></li> <li>* Keep moving</li> <li>* Keep your voice down</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Follow directions</li> <li>* <b>Leave eating area clean</b></li> <li>* Have pass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Follow directions</li> <li>* Clean-up work areas</li> <li>* <b>Use computers only as instructed.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Keep Bathroom clean</b></li> <li>* <b>Do not smoke</b></li> <li>* Flush toilets and urinals</li> <li>* Sign out in classroom and have pass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Follow directions</b></li> <li>* Keep bus clean</li> <li>* Have bus pass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Dress appropriately</b></li> <li>* Observe safety rules and regulations</li> <li>* Out by 3:00pm unless being supervised</li> <li>* Student drivers must display parking permit</li> </ul>
<b>Responsibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Be prepared</li> <li>* Be an active participant</li> <li>* Be ready to begin work at the bell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Move quickly and directly to class or other specified destination.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Report back to class on time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Get seated quickly</li> <li>* Work quietly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Return to class promptly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Take all personal property with you when leaving the bus</li> <li>* Be on time both in the morning and at dismissal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Follow directions</li> <li>* Exercise good sportsmanship</li> </ul>