

Introduction

Blair County Christian School's Philosophy of Education

The primary objective of Blair County Christian School (B.C.C.S) is to ensure that all of our students have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and then train them to have the proper knowledge, attitudes, and skills to serve the Lord effectively in whatever service He has planned for them.

Our faculty and staff do not look at teaching as their job but rather as their ministry. It is our desire to minister to each of our students.

Proverbs 1:7a says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." Therefore, any truly valid education must have this reverence of God as its starting point and doing the will of God as its goal.

We believe that children are a gift from God. This gift is a most serious responsibility. We praise the Lord for each student and family in our ministry.

Statement of Faith

Blair County Christian School, as a ministry of Foot of Ten Independent Baptist Church, believes and teaches the doctrines of the Christian faith as embraced by the historic, Biblical, Baptist position.

- We believe in the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
- We believe that the Bible is God's preserved Word and that the King James Version is the best translation of the original transcripts for English speaking people.
- We believe in the triune God.
- We believe in the deity and humanity of Jesus Christ.
- We believe in the personal existence and eternal destiny of Satan.
- We believe in the creation of man by the direct act of God.
- We believe in the sinful nature of man and his salvation by the grace through the blood of Christ.
- We believe in the eternal security of the believer.
- We believe in the establishment of the church for the purpose of worship, observance of the ordinances, and proclamation of the Gospel.
- We believe the only ordinances of the church are baptism and the Lord's Supper.

- We believe in the Pre-tribulation rapture of the church.
- We believe in the judgment of the unsaved dead and their consignment to the lake of fire for all eternity.
- We believe that as Christians we are obligated to follow the Bible as our guide for faith and practice.

The ministry's statement of its foundational, Bible-based beliefs must include a statement on human sexuality which clearly spells out its position on homosexuality and marriage.

Human Sexuality

We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between one man and one woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality; including homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4)

We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23)

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Blair County Christian School admits students of any race, color, nationality, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, athletics, and other school-administered programs.

Teacher Standards and Qualifications

All faculty members of Blair County Christian School are born-again Christians, dedicated to serving the Lord through the ministry of teaching young people. We believe that teachers are called to teach, just as pastors and missionaries are called to their fields. Each full-time faculty member has been interviewed by the school administration, Pastor and deacons of Foot of Ten Independent Baptist Church. Each teacher must have a clear testimony and must sign a pledge that he/she is in full agreement with the doctrinal statement of Foot of Ten Independent Baptist Church.

It is our policy to require that all of our teachers hold a degree. However, this may be waived in situations where the school administration, the deacons of Foot of Ten Independent Baptist Church, and our Pastor are in agreement that an individual is qualified for a position.

Our full-time teachers are active members of Foot of Ten Independent Baptist Church. In limited situations, some of our faculty may attend other churches of like faith in our area. These situations must be approved by the school administration, deacons, and Pastor of Foot of Ten Independent Baptist Church.

Our job as teachers and school staff is to partner with you as parents/legal guardians. We are here to help train your child but ultimately **you** determine how well your child learns and progresses.

Standard of Conduct

The Christian school's Student Handbook must implement the foundational beliefs spelled out in the Statement of Faith. Without implementation, the State of Faith's provisions may be considered outdated or mere aspirations.

A student may be dismissed or expelled from school or asked not to return the following year if he/she is out of harmony with the Statement of Faith, the spirit, or the policies of the school whether **on or off property** as determined in the sole discretion of the administration. Readmission considerations following dismissal will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

This implementation may also be applied to the conduct, support, and spirit of parents (if appropriate in light of the school's enrollment standards).

Parental Support

The staff desires a harmonious relationship with parents. If parents have a question about school policy or an event that involves their child, they are to notify their child's teacher. An effort will be made to resolve any differences and maintain excellent communication between parents and ministry staff.

Parental support is an essential part of the education process. If, in the sole discretion of the administration, a parent has failed to support the Administrator or ministry staff or the standards articulated in the ministry's Statement of Faith, the administration reserves the right to deny the student continued enrollment in the school.

Define Immoral Behavior

In the discipline section, the student handbook should define the expected standard of conduct as well as setting forth specific categories of conduct that are forbidden. If “immorality” is to be forbidden, the discipline section should clearly define the term from the viewpoint of the administration.

Physical Contact/Immorality

Demonstrations of romantic involvement between students on school property are forbidden. Hand holding, embracing or any other contact that would contribute to undue familiarity will not be tolerated. This type of behavior will result in demerits, suspension, or expulsion. Boys and girls must maintain a six-inch distance at all times. Behavior should be above reproach.

In accordance with the ministry’s statement of faith and in recognition of Biblical commands, no immoral conduct will be tolerated. The Bible strictly forbids such conduct which includes immoral actions as well as advocating for sinful behavior. The following will not be tolerated in any form and will constitute grounds for expulsion: any actions or identifying statements concerning fornication, adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, or pornography. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5;13, Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4).

Definition of “immoral act”

Bodily contact, actively undertaken or passively permitted, between members of the opposite sex or members of the same sex for the purpose of satisfying sexual desires and any bodily contact that a reasonable person would understand to demonstrate a propensity or intent to engage in an immoral or homosexual act.

Definition of “identifying statement”

A statement that a student is a homosexual, bisexual, or otherwise immoral, or words to that effect or language or behavior that a reasonable person would believe is intended to convey the statement that a student engages in or has a propensity or intent to engage in immoral and/or homosexual’s acts.

Examples: “I am gay,” “I am homosexual,” “I have a homosexual orientation.” Homosexual conduct defined as an act or identifying statements, is incompatible with enrollment at the school and is a basis for dismissal. All students must be treated with dignity and respect, free of threats or harassment.

Admissions

Student Acceptance Requirements

1. B.C.C.S. does not discriminate in admissions on the basis of race, color, nationality and ethnic origin.
2. Students must reach the chronological age required for a given grade by November 1st in order to be placed in that grade. Mental and social maturity will also be taken into consideration.
3. Necessary medical records (vaccinations, etc.) must be provided as determined by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. If the required medical forms are not turned in by the end of the second full week of school your child will not be permitted to attend Blair County Christian School until the forms are turned in. The days missed will be counted as unexcused absence.
4. An interview may be requested by the principal based on academic information found in the student's application.
5. Complete and return application and enrollment forms. Accompanying fees should be paid at this time.
6. If deemed necessary, based on previous academic records or upon a teacher's evaluation, academic testing may be given to ensure Blair County Christian School's ability to meet a particular student's needs. Testing may also be given to determine the grade level of a student.
7. Blair County Christian School reserves the right to review the academic and disciplinary background of a student before admitting them into the school.
8. **Attendance at B.C.C.S. is a privilege; therefore, each student entering B.C.C.S. must comply with all the rules and not gripe or cause strife among fellow students.**
9. **If a family (parents or children) is found to be griping or causing strife, it may result in the child being dismissed from the school or being removed from any scholarship opportunities current and/or future. If a student is found to not be in harmony with the Christian teachings of the Bible, its guide for living, and the philosophy of Christian living held by B.C.C.S. he/she may be dismissed from the school. This would include parents who are believed to be overly critical. These standards are applicable to Social Media outlets that families may choose to use as well.**
10. Blair County Christian School will not accept students who actively and blatantly do not want to attend our school or retain those who openly disagree with this handbook.
11. All new students must meet with the administrator before final acceptance is made.

Blair County Christian School requires that enrolled school aged pupils attend school regularly in accordance with the laws of the state of Pennsylvania. The educational program offered by B.C.C.S. is based upon the presence of the pupil and requires continuity of instruction and classroom instruction. The regular contact of pupils with one another in the classroom and participation in a well-planned instruction activity under the guidance of their teacher are vital to this purpose.

Attendance

Attendance shall be required of all students enrolled in the school during the days and hours that school is in session, except that the administration may excuse a student for temporary absence when he or she receives satisfactory evidence of such mental, physical, or other urgent conditions which may reasonably cause the student's absence.

Blair County Christian School considers the following conditions to constitute reasonable cause for absence from school: Illness, quarantine; death in the immediate family; impassable roads; exceptional urgent reasons that are submitted to the administration and approved after an evaluation is made; educational trips which are given prior approval by the administration after an evaluation is made.

Absences shall be treated as unlawful/unexcused until the administration receives a **written excuse** explaining the absence, to be submitted **upon return to school**. The only exception will be if the doctor has not faxed a notice, and for this a student will be given three (3) days after returning to have this notification received by the office. Otherwise, the student will receive an unexcused absence. A **maximum** of ten (10) days of cumulative lawful absences verified by parental notification may be permitted during a school year (this number includes the educational trip). All absences beyond ten (10) cumulative days shall require an excuse from a licensed physician. If an excuse is not included within three (3) days of the students return to school this will be counted as an unexcused absence.

Attendance need not always be within the school facilities, but a student will be considered to be in attendance if present at any place where school is in session, or at the place where the student is receiving approved tutorial instruction or health care, or at the place where the student is engaged in approved and properly supervised work study or career education program such as a class field trip or Altoona Greater Career and Technology Center.

Blair County Christian School shall consider each student assigned to a program of independent study to be in regular attendance for the program, provided that he/she is under the guidance of a staff member so assigned and reports daily to such staff member the place where the student is conducting the study, and regularly demonstrates progress towards the objectives of the course of study.

Repeated infractions of school policy requiring the attendance of enrolled students may constitute such misconduct and disobedience as to warrant the suspension or expulsion of the student from regular school programs. The administration is authorized to establish the criteria to implement this policy.

A proper attitude toward regular school attendance is one of the most valuable lessons students carry into life. The development of good attendance practice involves a close partnership between the home and the school.

Blair County Christian School recognizes the importance of good home-school communications in preventing and solving attendance problems. The school will make every reasonable effort to communicate with the home and expects the parents and guardian to react positively and cooperatively in promoting good attendance.

There are several reasons to promote good school attendance:

1. Many extensive studies have been compiled on the relationship between attendance and academic achievement. Invariably, achievement is positively correlated with attendance. The provision of costly programs is wasteful of precious school resources when students are not present to benefit. Also, the higher achieving student is better able to take advantage of post-high school education and employment opportunities.
2. Attendance habits learned early in a child's life carry over into employment. Employers are very interested in the school attendance record of their prospective employees. Generally, employees who have developed good attendance practices in school also have good attendance practices in the workplace.
3. The Pennsylvania School Code mandates school attendance.

Blair County Christian School, within the confines of the Pennsylvania School Code, has adopted the following policy concerning student attendance and excusal.

Definitions

1. Absence: the non-attendance of a pupil to class on those days and half days that school is in session.
2. Tardy: is a student reporting to school or class after the designated starting time.
3. Excused Absence: is the absence of a pupil for any one of the following reasons:
 - a. Illness
 - b. Quarantine
 - c. Death in immediate family
 - d. Impassable roads
 - e. Unavoidable family emergency
 - f. Observance of a religious holiday

- g. Educational trip with prior approval
- h. Exceptional urgent reasons that are submitted to the administration and approved after an evaluation is made.
- i. Court appearance

NOTE: A parent's/guardian's note is required for all of the above excuses consistent with procedures set forth under Attendance Guidelines and Procedures.

- 4. Prior Approval: A student must request prior approval to be absent, for absences not listed in item number 3. The administration will have the authority to grant or deny the request after evaluating the legitimacy for the request. Example: college visits, testing, trips, recruiting purposes, doctor appointments, court, counseling, therapy, etc...
- 5. Class cuts count as an unexcused absence from that class.

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

- 1. Each student is expected to maintain a good attendance record throughout the year.
- 2. Excuses
 - a. Students must deliver an excuse to the main office on the first day of their return to school following the absence. The excuse must be signed by the parent or guardian and state the specific reason for the absence.
 - b. If a student forgets his/her excuse, the absence will be marked "no excuse" and the absence will be recorded as unexcused. If a valid absence excuse is turned in before school starts on the second (2nd) school day attended after the absence, the attendance record will be corrected.
- 3. A maximum of ten (10) days of cumulative lawful absences verified by parental notification may be permitted during a school year. All absences beyond ten (10) cumulative days must include an excuse from a physician. Failure to produce this excuse will result in the absence being marked unlawful or unexcused and appropriate action will be taken.
- 4. Denial of course credit for excessive unexcused/unlawful absences: It is the school's position that education encompasses more than merely tests, exams, and other forms of written work or projects. Rather, education includes self-discipline, group interaction, and classroom participation that is not always reflected in tests, exams, and written work or projects. Because Blair County Christian School believes in educational value of overall classroom experience, it is expected that the student maintain good classroom attendance.

A student who has received an excessive amount of unexcused absences in any course will be denied credit for that course. What is excessive is determined based on whether the child is in elementary (K5-6th) or high school (7th – 12th).

- a. If a student is in elementary school then the denial of credits will take place after that student has received ten (10) unexcused absences. This is reviewable by the administration.
- b. If a student is in junior/senior high school then the denial of credits will take place after the student has received four (4) unexcused absences per year.

Notification to Parents or Guardians: Before denial of credit is imposed, the student's parents or guardian will be sent two (2) written warnings according to the following guidelines:

- a. Elementary parents will receive a written warning after the fifth (5) unexcused absences and after the ninth (9) unexcused absence.
- b. Junior High and Senior High parents will receive a written warning after the first (1) unexcused absence and the third (3) unexcused absence.

Should a student be denied credit for a course pursuant to this policy, the student will be permitted to continue to attend the class and take tests/exams.

Attendance Requirements

For your child to gain the most in school, he/she must be in regular attendance. If a family finds it necessary to take a vacation or trip during school time, the parents should send a note to the school office a minimum of two weeks in advance of the proposed absence.

School work must be gathered in advance. The student will be responsible for taking all necessary material with them to have the work done by the return provided in the above mentioned note. The student will be permitted one day for each day they were not able to complete homework due to time in transit.

A student must attend a minimum of 3 hours in order to be counted as present for that day.

The student is responsible to make arrangements with teachers to make up missed work. If the student is unable to get this work, we ask that the parents get the material needed for the student to fulfill their assignments.

MISSING SCHOOL IS VERY DETRIMENTAL TO YOUR CHILDS EDUCATION. IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS MISS MORE THAN ONE WEEK AT A TIME.

A note from the parent will be required to explain why a student was absent immediately upon the student's return to school. If a note is not received by the second day upon returning it will be counted as an unexcused absence. If an absence is deemed unexcused by the school administration, the student will not be permitted to make up missed work.

Students will be permitted to make up work missed due to excused absences at the teachers' convenience. Absences for the following reasons will be considered excused absences:

- a. Personal illness
- b. Death in the family
- c. Any other reason excused by the principal **before** the absence occurs.

Exceptions to this may be made by the principal in situations involving extenuating circumstances. **If a student is out sick for three or more consecutive days, a doctor's excuse is necessary, otherwise those days will be counted as unexcused absences.**

Excused Absences

When a student has been absent for ten or more days in the year, parents/guardians may be informed by either phone or letter that it may be determined that a doctor's excuse will be needed for each additional occurrence. If that is the determination, each absence not accompanied by a doctor's excuse will be counted as unexcused and then falls under the guidelines for unexcused absences.

A student that has fourteen unexcused absences for a particular course/class will not receive credit for that class. Please note: this is on a per class basis. Parents/guardians will be contacted by letter before denial of class credit is imposed.

Exceptions due to extenuating circumstances (homebound due to car accident, major surgery, prolonged sickness, etc.) will be considered by the administration.

Doctor appointments should be made outside of school hours. A note is required one day in advance. Unexpected doctor appointments should be avoided, if possible, but must be called into the school office. All students returning from a doctor/dentist visit will require a release from that physician's office stating it is ok for the student to return to normal school workload.

Arriving past 10:00 a.m. will be counted as half-day absence.

Unexcused Absences

Unexcused absences are considered acts of truancy and will be treated as such. A zero will be averaged in for each class for each day of an unexcused absence. This would include any

absences where an individual would be found to be dishonest about the reason for not being in attendance.

An absence that is not pre-approved or accompanied by a note from the parent will be counted as an unexcused absence. **For all students... no excuses will be allowed for a “group skip day” and zeros will be given for all daily work, projects and/or tests.**

Tardiness to School

Unexcused tardies will be issued in those cases reflecting carelessness on the part of the student or parent. Students who are tardy due to riding area public bus that arrives late will not receive an unexcused tardy.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME.

STUDENTS SHOULD BE IN THEIR CLASSROOMS BY 8:30 A.M.

Every 4th morning tardy will result in an unexcused absence. Unexcused absences will result in a zero for each class missed due to tardiness. Class tardies – 4 tardies = detention. After 4 every tardy is a detention. Tardies reset every nine weeks.

Leaving School During School Hours

If a parent needs to pick up a child during the school day for an excused reason, that parent should report to the school office and **NOT** to the child’s classroom. After speaking with the secretary the parent should wait in the seating area outside the office. One of the office personnel will bring your child to the office. The parent will then sign out the student in the office. Siblings should not be picked up out of convenience while picking another child up. This interrupts the student’s day as well as the classroom environment. All students will not leave the classroom or be gotten from the classroom until the person transporting the student arrives and has checked in at the office.

GUIDELINES FOR EDUCATIONAL TOURS AND TRIPS

Administration may approve an excused absence for a student for an educational tour or trip provided such tour or trip is planned and conducted in accordance with the following;

1. Typically, an absence of this nature will not be approved during the first seven (7) and the last seven (7) days of the school calendar year or during the time that semester or final exams are being reviewed.
2. Trips of this nature shall be limited to one (1) per school year.

3. An educational trip request form must be filled out and returned to the office two (2) weeks before the absence occurs. If a form is not filled out and preapproved then those days will be counted as unlawful unexcused absences.
4. Requests for five (5) or more school days will require a parent conference with the administration.
5. The students must travel with parents and approved guardians.
6. Students who have less than 90% attendance for the current school year, poor academic standing, and /or poor discipline records may be denied approval for an excused absence.
7. There shall be a parent/administrator conference for questionable requests as determined by the administrator.
8. The student shall obtain assignments from his/her teachers, as directed, prior to the trip.

NOTE: All pre-trip assignments (those made specifically for that period of time during the trip) are due by the end of the second (2) day upon the student's return from the trip. Any tests taken by the class, which were announced or known by the student prior to his/her trip, are due to be taken within two (2) days after the student's return to class unless other arrangements are made with the teacher. Any research paper, homework, or other assignment whose due date falls within the period of the trip, and whose due date was known by the student are due upon the student's return to class.

Any other make-up work shall be completed at the reasonable convenience of the teacher and student. However, all make up work of this nature must be completed within seven (7) school days regardless of the number of days taken for the trip.

Absences for unapproved tours or trips will be marked unexcused and unlawful according to the school code and disciplinary measures may be taken as specified by the administration and the handbook.

TARDINESS

1. All students must report to homeroom on time unless they are participating in an approved school activity.
2. Any student entering the school after 8:30 AM but before 11:00 AM shall be marked ½ day excused or unexcused depending on the excuse.
3. Any student entering the school after 11:00 AM shall be marked as either a full day excused or unexcused absence depending on the excuse.

EARLY DISMISSAL

1. A student desiring an early dismissal must present a written excuse, signed by a parent or guardian indicating the time of the early dismissal and the specific reason for the request.

2. An early dismissal that extends more than three (3) hours will be marked as half ($\frac{1}{2}$) day absence. If the early dismissal extends more than three and one half hours ($3\frac{1}{2}$) hours, it will be recorded as a full day absence.

Withdrawal

Withdrawal from the school must be made by parents or legal guardians through the school office. Records will not be released until all bills are paid in full and all textbooks (all textbooks are property of the school) and materials have been returned. **Tuition must be paid for the remainder of the month in which the student is withdrawn.** If tuition has been paid for subsequent future months (past the month of withdrawal) that tuition will be refunded.

Lunch Program

Hot lunch is provided weekly. Slips are sent home every Monday and are to be returned to the school on the next day (Tuesday). Money for the next week's lunches should be sent in at the time the lunch form is returned to school. Credits will be issued in case of an absence. Children are allowed to pack a lunch to bring from home.

FINANCIAL GUIDELINES

Registration Fee – due from any student who has not attended the previous year. Payment must be made when submitting registration form. Registration is permission to purchase a student's resources.

- 1) Anytime = \$50.00
- 2) This fee is **NON-refundable**

Book Fee

- 1) See Fee / Tuition schedule for current amounts. You will receive the Fee/Tuition schedule with your application. Additional copies are available in the school office if needed.
- 2) Due by June 1st or at day of registration or re-enrollment (whichever is later).
- 3) A \$20 late fee will be assessed immediately if payment is not received by July 1st (or on the day of registration / re-enrollment if after June 1st). If payment is not received by Aug 15th, an additional \$50 late fee will be assessed.
- 4) This fee is **NON-refundable**

Tuition

- 1) See Fee / Tuition schedule for current amounts. You will receive the Fee/Tuition schedule with your application. Additional copies are available in the school office if needed.
- 2) Paid monthly August thru May. Payment is due the date you set for each month. In cases where adjustments need to be made, requests must be turned into the finance office one week prior to payment withdrawal date. If by the last business day of that month your account is not current your child (ren) will not be allowed to return to school the following month.
- 3) If necessary, arrangements can be made to spread payments out over 12 months rather than the 10 month schedule in item #2. The first payment would still be due in August. Please contact the school office prior to July 15th if you would like to be considered for such an arrangement.
- 4) We cannot allow your child to be re-enrolled until any outstanding balance of the previous year has been paid in full.

Discounts

- 1) Alumni (Graduates only) – 5% off all students’ tuition only.
- 2) Foot-of-Ten Church Member – 5% off all students’ tuition only.
- 3) Full time Christian service – Awarded to a family if the main income earner is employed in full time Christian service (as determined by the finance committee). Discount will be 5% off all students’ tuition only.
- 4) Referring Family – Awarded to a family who is responsible for at least one full-time student enrolling at BCCS from a family who has never before enrolled a student at BCCS - \$500 discount credited at \$50/month spread over 10 months. A family may earn more than one “Referral Discount” but earns only one per each new family, not for each student in a new family.
- 5) New Family - Awarded to a family who 1) has been referred to the school, 2) not available to alumni. Enrolls at least one full-time student. Only one \$500 discount is available per family. It is not based on the number of students they enroll. The \$500 discount is credited to the eldest student’s account at \$50/month spread over 10 months. Referrals do not roll over from year to year.

Scholarships: Nobody receives a free ride; everybody pays something.

- 1) **DO NOT count on a scholarship to pay your bill.** Please make sure you are able to pay your bills on time without counting on scholarship money arriving on a particular date. **Your account must be current for scholarship money to be applied to your account.** If your account is not current, scholarship money cannot be applied to your account until it is. If your bill is paid in full for the full year and you receive scholarship money, the money will be refunded to you.
- 2) Scholarship money may not be applied to anything other than tuition.

- 3) Scholarship money must be applied to the student's account who receives the scholarship. It is not allowed to be credited to other students' accounts in the same family.

Academics

Grading Scale

A+	100	B+	90-92	C+	83-84	D+	73-74
A	96-99	B	87-89	C	78-82	D	69-72
A-	93-95	B-	85-86	C-	75-77	D-	67-68
						F	Below 67

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 20 credits must be earned in the areas listed for students attending B.C.C.S. 9th – 12th grades. In addition, 1 credit of Bible must be earned for each year a student is in attendance at B.C.C.S. Therefore, a student who attends 9th – 12th grades will have 24 credits. Students transferring into B.C.C.S. must take a Bible course for the final grades he/she attends B.C.C.S.

Classes taken in 8th grade such as Algebra 1 cannot be given a credit toward graduation. Four Math(s) are still required from 9-12 Grades.

Required courses, credits and suggested grade levels the courses should be taken in:

General Diploma

<u>Subject/Class</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Bible	4	9 th – 12 th
English	4	9 th – 12 th
History	3	9 th – 12 th
Math	3	9 th – 12 th
Science	3	9 th – 12 th
Physical Education	1	9 th – 12 th

Health	.5	9 th – 12 th
Computer	1	9 th – 12 th
Financial Planning	.5	9 th – 12 th
Foreign Language	1	9 th – 12 th
Speech	.5	9 th – 12 th
Elective	.5	9 th – 12 th

Honor Courses

Algebra II	2 years Foreign Language
Pre-Calculus	Physics

Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center (Vo-Tech) – must be declared at the start of 9th grade in order to begin taking classes at BCCS that will make Vo-Tech possible and still be able to graduate on time. BCCS students cannot start Vo-Tech until the 10th grade. One cannot do the Vo-tech track and do the honors track.

Honors Requirements:

1. Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.
2. Completion of all honor courses.
3. GPA of 3.0 or higher in the honor course taken.
4. A salutatorian and a valedictorian are chosen from the senior class. A 3.5 minimum is required. To be considered a student must attend B.C.C.S. for the entire 11th and 12th grades. Honor courses must be taken. The GPA which decides the salutatorian or valedictorian will be computer based upon all grades received through the first semester of the senior year.

Electives offered, and credits given for these electives, also may vary from year to year. The amount of credit for each elective will be determined when the elective is offered.

Curriculum and Textbooks

The curriculum is designed with the students' needs in mind. Careful planning and textbook selection are the criteria used to develop our curriculum. In our elementary and high school we use the A Beka Book. Our Bible curriculum may vary based on the teacher's discretion and will coincide with the doctrinal stance of B.C.C.S. and Foot of Ten Independent Baptist Church.

The curriculum fee is a usage fee. Some curriculum is reusable from year to year. Please see that all textbooks are covered and kept in good condition. At the beginning of each school year teachers

will record the condition of the book. If the book is returned at the end of the school year and it is in worse condition (outside of normal wear and tear) your account will be charged a damage fee of \$10.00. If the book is unusable (cover missing, pages missing, defaced) then your account will be charged the amount needed to replace the book. If your child loses or destroys the book at any time during the year you will be required to pay for a replacement from the school.

Due to the varied sources and diverse materials covered in the students' textbooks, we cannot be held responsible for contradictions to the Word of God found in some of these materials. Therefore, we reserve the right to present the Biblical viewpoint in each subject area where, in our opinion, the authority of God's Word has been challenged.

Library

The fact that certain books are available for student use or reference in the school library does not necessarily mean that the school endorses their content from the standpoint of morals, philosophy, religious or scientific theories.

Help Class

Teachers are available after school for extra help until 4:00 p.m. for no additional charge if scheduled beforehand. If a tutor is needed beyond help class, contact the office and we can recommend an approved tutor for an additional fee.

School Visitor Policy

All visits should be by appointment if possible. When a visit to the school is necessary or desired, please come by the office first; all visiting parents and visitors will be required to sign in, and in all cases, wait in the seating area to be greeted by an approved school guide. For the safety of our student body we ask that all parents, family, and guests adhere to this request.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

If a parent would like to schedule an appointment with a teacher or with school administration, the parent should contact **the school office** to set up an appointment. To assist in the smooth operation of our school, we kindly request that you make an appointment. Just showing up at the school will not guarantee a meeting with staff or faculty. **Teachers are not to be contacted at their homes after 6:00 p.m. during the school week.**

It is a requirement that no faculty members or administration (including spouses) are approached about school matters at church services/functions. Our faculty is also instructed not to approach parents regarding school matters at church. **If there is a concern, please make an appointment with the teacher or administrator.**

Communicable Diseases

Blair County Christian School desires to maintain a healthful school environment by instituting controls designed to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. The term communicable disease means an illness which arises as a result of a specific infectious agent which may be transmitted either directly or indirectly by a susceptible host of infected persons or animal to other persons.

All health records must be kept up to date according to PA State standards. The school nurse will send notices to the families to inform them of the need for updated records. If a student's record is not kept up to date, the student will be removed from school until the records are updated.

A teacher or an administrative official who reasonably suspects that a student or employee has a communicable disease shall immediately notify the school office. If a child is believed to have any sickness the child may be sent home.

Any students or employees with a communicable disease for which immunization is required by law or is available shall be temporarily excluded from school while ill and during recognized periods of communicability. Students and employees with communicable diseases for which immunization is not available shall be excluded from school while ill. If the nature of the disease and circumstances warrant, Blair County Christian School may require an independent physician's examination of the student or employee to verify the diagnosis of a communicable disease. Blair County Christian School reserves the right to make all final decisions necessary to enforce its communicable disease policy and to take all necessary action to control the spread of communicable diseases within the school.

Discipline

Philosophy of Discipline

Our main goal at Blair County Christian School is to prepare our students for whatever the Lord calls them to do after they leave our school. In order for them to be prepared, we must do whatever we can to build and develop the student's character understanding that this training first begins in the home.

The school is proud of our high standard of behavior. Without a standard of discipline, our school would cease to be a distinctively Christian School.

Happiness, achievement, success, and our relationship with God all necessitate discipline. The success of our school is totally dependent on our attitude toward Biblical discipline.

When a person lives a well-disciplined life, he also lives a happy and productive life. Because we have the best interests of our students in mind and because we want them to live productive and fulfilled lives, we strive to instill discipline in them while they attend our school.

The best way for our students to become disciplined is for the school and the home to work in harmony with one another. Because of this fact, it is imperative that each family and the school

have a clear, two-way line of communication. If the school feels that cooperation is lacking from a student and/or parent, that student may be requested to leave our school.

Discipline is both a positive and a negative word. Much of the task of instilling discipline in a child can be done through positive means; however, there is also a negative side to discipline. First, it is the desire of the school for each student and parent to know exactly what is expected of our students. Secondly, our goal is to enforce our discipline policy fully and fairly for each student.

Student Code of Conduct

1. Standard of Conduct

The Christian school's Student Handbook must implement the foundational beliefs spelled out in the Statement of Faith. Without implementation, the State of Faith's provisions may be considered outdated or mere aspirations.

A student may be dismissed or expelled from school or asked not to return the following year if he/she is out of harmony with the Statement of Faith, the spirit, or the policies of the school whether **on or off property** as determined in the sole discretion of the administration. Readmission considerations following dismissal will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

This implementation may also be applied to the conduct, support, and spirit of parents (if appropriate in light of the school's enrollment standards).

Students and parents are asked to read the following Student Code of Conduct with the understanding that not complying with any part of this student agreement may be grounds for appropriate discipline.

As a student of Blair County Christian School,

1. I will cooperate with basic Christian standards of behavior and conversation.
2. I will submit myself to those in authority at BCCS and/or any rules and regulations established by the school.
3. I will obey the teachers and staff promptly and cheerfully, and treat them with respect (no arguing or back talk).
4. I will respect and be kind to my fellow students.
5. I will arrive at my classes promptly (on time), prepared (with appropriate materials), and with a positive attitude (toward teachers, students, and subjects).

6. I will work hard in all my classes, turning in all homework on time.
7. I have read the uniform dress code and will endeavor to follow the spirit and letter of the code.
8. I will not chew gum while in school.
9. I will not bring inappropriate items to school (radios, CD players, MP3 players, portable gaming devices, guns, knives, etc.) Any item operating on batteries is plugged in etc...
10. I understand that I will be held responsible for **any** damage done to school property (including textbooks, lockers, and computers) and that lockers are **not** private property and are subject to inspection. I will also be held accountable for any misuse of school or student property.
11. I will not be involved in public displays of affection (romantic physical contact with members of the opposite sex or in homosexual relationships) at school or school activities or on public transportation to and from school.
12. When areas of conflict arise, I will bring any questions, criticisms, or concerns directly to the teachers or administration so that they may be dealt with properly by those in authority. I will also approach the authority figures in an attitude of respect and honor.
13. I will not intimidate or bully any of my classmates.
14. I will keep my hands to myself.
15. I will not be untruthful with anyone.
16. I will not use the school computers or internet without written permission from a teacher and the supervision of a teacher.

Student Driving

1. Students who drive to Blair County Christian School must park in the designated student parking area. Students driving to school should park their cars immediately upon arrival at school and do so properly. Students should not return to their vehicles during the school day for any reason without permission from faculty.
2. A five mile-per-hour speed limit is to be observed on school property.
3. No student is to drive or ride in another student's vehicle, including bicycles, motorcycles, trucks, etc. **unless written permission is on file in advance in the office.** No blanket permission slips will be approved.
4. When leaving school, student drivers should use the east parking lot exit.
5. No students should loiter in the parking lot area before or after school hours.
6. All student drivers must be properly licensed and insured.

7. Parking is to be within the spaces provided during school hours and functions. BCCS reserves the right to revoke a student's driving privileges at the administration's discretion.
8. Music standards and all other standards of conduct apply while the vehicle is on campus.
9. Once students arrive to school there will be no leaving.
10. There will be no meeting in vehicles on school property.
11. **Once a student obtains their driver's license, if attendance becomes an issue, privileges may be revoked.**

Field Trips

Field trips to places of educational interest are taken at various times during the school year. BCCS is within reasonable driving distance of many places of special interest and educational benefit for the school.

The same standards of conduct and dress required of the students at school are also required of students on school-sponsored activities.

Depending on class size and the nature of the field trip, teachers may ask parent chaperones to attend field trips. Chaperones are expected to abide by **field trip dress code policies** and assist the teacher in whatever way possible. **All field trips are mandatory for students.**

Senior Trips

Senior Trips are an exciting opportunity to be rewarded for years of hard work in school! The senior classes will raise their money for their class trip through different fund raisers and activities. The class trip location will be the Wilds Christian Camp in Brevard, N.C. There is an option of visiting other places on the way to the Wilds or on the way back from the Wilds. This location must be approved by the deacons and pastors of the Foot of Ten Independent Baptist Church. The sponsors for the trip must be school or church faculty unless otherwise approved by the deacons and pastors. The senior trip is a school sponsored activity therefore the standards of conduct and dress will apply. If you forfeit the privilege to go on this trip, you forfeit any money earned/donated for the trip. Attendance at school will also be required for any senior who chooses not to go on the senior trip.

Lockers

Lockers are the property of Blair County Christian School, and the administration and teachers have the authority to open lockers to make sure that all material within the locker is in line with school policy. **Only lockers assigned are to be used.** Parents will be charged for damages by students to any lockers.

Inclement Weather

During times of inclement weather the school recognizes that there may be a need for jackets, sweaters or hooded coats to be worn. No hooded jackets or other outerwear are to be worn during school hours.

Extend Care

Blair County Christian School does not offer before or after school care. The school will be open for drop off at 8:00 a.m. and closed by 4:00 p.m. or one half hour after school is dismissed.

Dress Code

STANDARDS OF DRESS AND APPEARANCE

The biblical principle underlying all standards of dress and grooming is modesty: Modesty applies not only to common decency but to the matter of calling undue attention to oneself as well. An appearance that makes a person a public spectacle is as inappropriate for the Christian as clothing that calls inappropriate attention to the body. The clothing and grooming of our students should be appropriate in both facets of modesty.

While at school, student dress will be governed by the school uniform program. Students are to be neatly and appropriately dressed for all school-sponsored activities. Students violating the dress code at school or other activities may, at the discretion of the administration, be asked to leave campus until their appearance meets school standards. Parents and guests of students are encouraged to honor the standards of modest dress exemplified by the school dress code while participating in school activities or attending school functions.

Young Men – In School Dress Code

All students must wear the school uniform each day. Khaki, black or navy blue cargo or dress pants. Shirts: Any solid color of polo shirt, one 2x2 inch logo, but it must be loose fitting and have only 1 button open from the top and must also be tucked in with a belt. No other shirts may be exposed from underneath top or bottom; the only exception is a solid color t-shirt at the top.

Haircuts are to be traditional and masculine in nature. The hair may not rest on the collar or cover any portion of the ear. Hair must fall at least 1 inch above the eyebrow. Sideburns may not extend below the middle of the ear or be cut above the top of the ear. Hair coloring is not permitted. Facial hair is not allowed. If a student is seen unshaven they will be immediately sent to the office where they will be given a brand new razor and shaving cream to shave with, while they are out

shaving the student will not be excused from any quiz questions/test questions that they will miss nor will they be given any extra time to make up the questions. Upon the 2nd offense the student is eligible for non-compliance/direct disobedience demerits based on the attitude/reason.

Effeminate or excessive jewelry is not allowed. No bracelets of any kind are allowed unless directly tied to a medical condition.

No earrings or tattoos are allowed.

Athletic, dress, or casual shoes are to be worn at all time.

Brown or black belts must be worn properly. No words or designs on the belts.

All shirts are to be tucked in and all buttons buttoned with the exception of the top button.

Since fads change continually, the administration reserves the right to address the appropriateness of such trends as they arise.

After-School Activities

Neat blue jeans that are in good condition may be worn. Shirts other than uniform shirts maybe worn as long as they are neat, and do not advertise anything inappropriate. Shorts to the knee and jeans are allowed but they need to be loose fitting.

Neat blue jeans that are in good condition may be worn (No holes, rub spots or extreme fading). Slacks are to be worn at the normal waistline.

Clothing should not be sloppy, or excessively baggy.

Watches and class rings are acceptable.

Extremes in fashion or clothing which promotes questionable products, people, places, ideas, words, etc. should not be worn. Unisex items for boys (necklaces, earrings, etc.) are not allowed. **Any clothing which is considered by the administration to be inappropriate or in bad taste is not permitted.** The administration/staff has the right to be require a student to leave a school sponsored event if the student is in violation of any of the above listed rules.

Young Ladies

All students must wear the school uniform each day. Young ladies are to wear black, khaki or navy blue skirts or jumpers. They must be below the bottom of the knee while sitting. There will be no exceptions for this. All skirts must be loose fitting. Shirts: Any solid color of polo shirt, one 2X2 inch logo is allowed, but it must be loose fitting and have only 1 button open from the top. No other shirts may be exposed from underneath top or bottom; the only exception is a solid color turtle neck at the top.

Proper, age-appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times. Colors should be considered as to not show through.

Casual or dress shoes, sandals (with back strap), and athletic shoes (laced properly) are permitted. Flip-flops, high top tennis shoes will not be permitted.

Knee socks, ankle socks (no extreme designs) or hosiery may be worn.

Make-up may be worn conservatively.

Jewelry must be conservative in both quantity and style. All earrings are to be metal or plastic and are not to be bigger than the size of a quarter in diameters or an inch in length. Gauges are not allowed and no more than two earrings per ear.

Hairstyles must be conservative and consistent with a traditionally feminine appearance. Hair must be tied back or otherwise held off the face. Hair accessories must coordinate with the uniform being worn and not as a distraction. No shaved heads. Hair coloring must be traditional colors.

Since fads change continually, the administration reserves the right to address the appropriateness of such trends as they arise.

After-school activities

Sun dresses worn without a blouse are not acceptable. Shirts should not be sleeveless.

Slits in dresses or skirts should be no shorter than the middle of the knee-cap while sitting or standing.

No low-cut or see through garments are permitted.

Everything must be to the knee, loose fitting, and modest.

Girls' dresses are to be feminine, appropriate, and modest in length, style, fit and neckline. Length of dress/skirts must be at least to the bottom of the knee-cap when sitting (this includes slits and flaps). Button-down skirts must be stitched to prevent accidental unbuttoning higher than allowed.

Sheer, see-through, half blouses, low-cut garments are not permitted. The neckline must never be lower than three inches from the base of the neck.

Blue denim jean skirts and jumpers in good condition and loose fitting pants are permitted for after school activities.

Skirts, dresses and loose fitting pants may be worn to any school sponsored events (games, parties, rehearsals, etc.) Jeans must be in good condition (no holes, rub spots, or extreme fading).

Sleeveless tops and sleeveless dresses are not permitted.

Any hair or clothing style considered by the administration to be bad taste or inappropriate is not allowed. Any student found not to be in compliance with the institutional standards of Blair County Christian School will be sent home.

Preschool

Preschool students are required to wear the school uniform. The dress code is listed above in bold for young ladies. Shorts may be worn underneath skirts or jumpers.

Music Standards

It is the policy of Blair County Christian School that students are not to listen to any kind of music while on school property or at school sponsored activities, unless it has been pre-approved by the administration.

Listening to any non-pre-approved music while on school property or while participating in a school sponsored event will result in direct disobedience demerits and confiscation of music device.

Attending “obvious” worldly music concerts is prohibited.

Electronic Devices

No media devices such as iPods, walkmans, gaming devices, etc. should be brought to school. No laser pointers should be brought to school. If a student uses an electronic device for the bus rides they are to keep the device in their book bag during the school day. If the student has it out for any reason during the school day it will be confiscated and not allowed back.

Cell Phones

ALL CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF AND TURNED IN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE STUDENTS TO HAVE THEIR CELL PHONES ON THEM DURING THE DAY. FIRST OFFENSE WILL BE A WARNING AND NONCOMPLIANCE DEMERITS WILL BE GIVEN BASED ON ATTITUDE AND REASON. THE SECOND OFFENSE WILL BE A \$10.00 FINE, AND THE PHONE WILL BE RETURNED ONLY TO A PARENT. THIRD OFFENSE WILL RESULT IN THE PRIVILEGE BEING LOST AND THE PHONE WILL NEED TO BE PICKED UP BY THE PARENT.

STUDENTS MAY PICK THEIR PHONE UP AT THE END OF THE DAY AT THE DESIGNATED AREA.

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE THEIR CELL PHONE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY FOR ANY REASON. IF YOU NEED TO GET A HOLD OF THEM PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

General and Specific Discipline

General Rules

The following rules will be observed by all students:

1. Students must be in their seats with the proper materials ready for class when the class bell rings.
2. Students are not to communicate without permission from the teacher.
3. Students are not to leave their seats at any time without permission from the teacher.
4. At all times, students are to show the utmost respect for those who are placed in authority over them (for example, answering “yes, sir” and “no, sir”). Nothing less than this will be tolerated.
5. There will be no drinking or eating in any classroom during regular instructing hours.

Every teacher is given the liberty to make and enforce classroom regulations consistent with the general policies of the school.

Dismissal

Students who are dismissed during the last quarter of the year will not be allowed to re-enroll until the second semester of the following year. Before a student will be re-enrolled, there must be evidence of a changed behavior and attitude.

Blair County Christian School reserves the right to dismiss a child from the school at any time at its own discretion. We hold to the strict teachings of the Bible, and reserve the right to dismiss a student based on the teachings of the Bible and its guide for living.

Discipline for Grades K3-6th

Examples of corrective measures that will be taken in these grades are time-out from recess and extra seatwork. When problems arise, it is our desire to notify the parents so that the school and home can work in harmony to address any discipline issues.

Discipline for Grades 7-12th

Beginning in the 7th grade, a demerit system is utilized by the school.

If a student is given detention, a form will go home with him/her that he/she will have to bring back to school after being signed by a parent.

Detention slips are to be returned the very next school day.

Detentions can be given in the place of demerits if the teacher deems necessary.

Demerit System

The demerit system is primarily a system of recording disciplinary problems. It is designed to give the administration, the parents, and the student a better awareness of disciplinary problems. It is our objective to resolve discipline problems promptly in an effort to better maintain a Christ-honoring atmosphere for the BCCS student body.

All demerits are cumulative; therefore, demerits will accumulate on a semester basis. At the beginning of the semester, students will start at zero demerits and begin the accumulation process over. Simply put, if an infraction carries a penalty of one demerit, the one demerit will apply to the first three offenses. The 4th, 5th, and 6th offense of the same infraction will incur a penalty of 2 demerits; the 7th, 8th, and 9th offense of the same infraction will incur a penalty of 4 demerits; etc. The doubling process is the same for each repetition of the same infraction (i.e., GC- Gum Chewing or eating in class carries a penalty of 5 demerits which would increase as follows: offenses 1-3 incur 5 demerits each, offenses 4-6 incur 10 demerits each, offenses 7-9 incur 20 demerits, etc.).

As demerits accumulate over the course of a semester, specific actions will be taken at various levels to keep parents, the student, and school board informed of the student's disciplinary standing.

The various actions and levels are as follows:

- 10 demerits – Detention, student conference with the principal, letter to parent***
- 20 demerits – One day in-school suspension, conference with student, parent, and principal**
- 30 demerits – Three days in-school suspension, conference with student, parent, principal and school board* (and teachers involved only if needed)**
- 40 demerits – Disciplinary probation/social restriction, conference with student, parent, and principal; and letter to school board***
- 50 demerits – Three day in-school suspension and conference**
- 60 demerits – Expulsion from school* (students will not be allowed to re-enroll at**

BCCS for at least one semester and must show a genuine repentance and change of behavior before allowing them to return to BCCS. Upon returning they would be put on disciplinary probation)

A zero will be given for all work missed during a suspension.

*Notification will be sent to the Altoona Vo-Tech for all students who are enrolled in a Vo-Tech program.

The student's demerit total will appear on his report card each marking period. Any total over ten (10) for the semester will go on the student's permanent record.

Students are required to sign a demerit slip whenever given. Failure to do so will result in demerits for direct disobedience.

Demerit System Code:

1. **C*** Cheating (20 demerits)
2. **CD** Classroom disturbances – excessive talking, distraction, etc. **(5 demerits)**
3. **DP** Defacing or misusing school property **(20 demerits + work detention to help fix what was done)**
4. **DD*** Direct Disobedience – failure to comply when given a direct command **(10 demerits)**
5. **DC** Dress Code – Not following the dress code **(2 demerits)**
6. **DT*** Disrespect to faculty, staff or authority **(10 demerits)**
7. **G*** Griping about rules or faculty **(10 demerits)**
8. **GR** Ground rules – loitering in the hall, in the hall without a pass, littering, running in the hall, etc. **(3 demerits)**
9. **GC** Gum chewing or eating in class **(5 demerits)**
10. **HP** Horseplay **(1 demerit)**
11. **IC*** Inappropriate contact with another student (i.e. poking, unnecessary contact between students) **(5 demerits)**
12. **ISD*** Inter-student discourtesy **(5 demerits)**
13. **IR** Inappropriate response – i.e. double meanings, sassing, etc. **(2 demerits)**
14. **IT*** Inappropriate touching – i.e. kissing, hugging, etc. **(10 demerits) (1st offense = 3 days in-school suspension; 2nd offense = 5 days in-school suspension and parent, student and principal meeting with the school board; social restriction)**
15. **LA*** Language – crude, swearing, profanity, using God's name in vain, etc. **(10 demerits)** Using inappropriate text verbally or written is a violation of the language rule.
16. **NPC** Not prepared for class **(1 demerit)**
17. **R** Rowdiness in lunchroom, hall, restroom, etc. **(2 demerits)**. Throwing food, paper, basically anything at lunch will be considered a DP and will result in detention.
18. **TC** Tardy to class – **(1 demerit)**.
19. **UA*** Unexcused absence – **(5 demerits and zeros for the class or day)**

- 20. **F** Fighting – **school’s discretion**
- 21. **NC** Not complying with the handbook in action or attitude. Left to discretion of administration
- 22. **L** Lying – **(20 demerits)** “playing on words”, “mixing or twisting words”, but not being completely honest when relaying information or simply not being truthful.
- 23. **TECH** Touching or misuse of classroom technology - **(Automatic 3 day suspension)**

*Those offenses marked with an asterisk require that the student meet with the principal and that notification will be given to the student’s parents.

****Double demerits will be given the last week of the school year.**

Detention

Detention must be served on the day it is assigned – **no exceptions will be made.** (We try to be flexible when scheduling detention and take in the needs of the student) (i.e., work, transportation, etc.). **Missing a day’s detention will result in an additional day’s detention beyond the one missed; a second day missed will result in an additional week’s detention.** Detention typically lasts 1 hour. Three or more days missed will result in a day of in-school suspension. All missed detentions are cumulative.

Probation

As a result of unsatisfactory achievement or repeated misconduct, a student may be placed on either academic or disciplinary probation. Once placed on probation, a student will have six (6) weeks to improve academically or not accumulate over 20 demerits in a semester. In order to have his/her disciplinary probation lifted the student must not accumulate more than 20 demerits in a semester. If he/she fails to achieve this goal, he/she will not be allowed to attend Blair County Christian School for one (1) semester. If the criteria are met, the probation will be lifted.

Social Restriction

Students may be placed on social restriction when (1) any act, event, or attitude is deemed by the administration to warrant such action; (2) the student accumulates 40 demerits in a semester; or (3) the student earns his second Inappropriate Touching demerit.

A student on social restriction cannot be in any leadership position (i.e., class officer, team captain, etc.); cannot participate in fieldtrips, cannot attend extra-curricular activities (games, banquets, etc.), cannot continue as a member of a sports team and cannot be excused from classes to do class business (i.e., selling lunch, selling tickets, etc.)

***We realize the demerit list is not exhaustive. If an offense occurs which is not included in the demerit system code, the administration will do its best to be fair in the administration of Discipline.**