

BOTHELL HIGH SCHOOL

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STUDENT EXPECTATIONS CONTRACT

At Bothell, we pride ourselves on being respectful, responsible, and safe. The following guidelines describe a few ways in which our students are expected to uphold these three tenants during the school day. We are glad you are a Cougar and appreciate what you bring to our community! Build. Belong. Become. Bothell!

NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES HANDBOOK – Students are expected to abide by the code of conduct detailed in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. Students and parents are responsible for reading and knowing the contents of this document. The handbook is available online in English and Spanish at <https://www1.nsd.org/our-district/departments/student-services>. Paper copies are available in the office upon request.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Daily attendance and active participation in each class is a critical part of the learning process. The following processes are designed to help students learn responsibility and increase their potential for success. In recognizing the importance of attendance, parents and student are responsible for both being aware and correcting any error in a timely manner.

All-day absences and late arrivals must be cleared within TWO school days by parent phone call to our 24-hour attendance line at 425 408-7010 OR a written excuse signed by the parent/guardian.

- Excuses must include the reason the student was not in school.
- It is the student's responsibility to have parents excuse absences on time.
- When arriving late, students must sign in at the attendance window.
- **IMPORTANT:** If absences are not excused within two school days, **progressive discipline** may be imposed and **course credit may be lost if three or more unexcused absences accumulate**. Credit may be lost and discipline assigned if a student accumulates **three (3) or more unexcused** absences in any class. Credit is lost for **ten (10) or more total absences** in any class (regardless whether the absences are excused or unexcused).

Early Dismissals must be arranged BEFORE leaving campus. The Attendance Office will **not** accept notes or phone calls after an early dismissal has already occurred.

- Students must **sign out** at the Attendance window at all times before leaving school for early dismissals.
- Leaving campus **without** signing out at the Attendance window is considered an **unexcused** absence and may result in a Saturday School.
- **ONLY** Juniors and Seniors in good standing are allowed off campus for lunch. This privilege may be revoked.
- Students are not permitted to selectively attend certain classes/periods and have their parents excuse them.

ACADEMIC HONESTY – Honesty is a compelling principle by which we operate all aspects of student and school life. Forging attendance notes or other school documents is a serious offense and will result in disciplinary action. Academic honesty is highly valued at BHS. Students should not cheat, nor should they tolerate those who do. Repeated infractions will result in loss of credit for the course and additional disciplinary action. Bothell High School utilizes "turnitin.com" to help teach and reinforce correct academic attribution. **All academic dishonesty violations, regardless of subject, shall be accumulated and treated in a progressive manner.** Academic Dishonesty includes cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and technology malpractice and is not limited to the following:

- Using cheat sheets, looking at someone's paper during an assessment
- Giving out questions that are on a test to other students
- Exchanging tests, reports, notebooks or assignments
- Giving answers to other students during a test or allowing them to copy your work
- Using electronic devices that can record/transmit answers to or pictures of tests and assignments to self or others
- Giving/loaning a copy of your project, or someone else's, to another student

Changing the words of an original source is not sufficient to prevent plagiarism. If you have retained the essential idea of an original source, and have not cited it, then no matter how drastically you may have altered its context or presentation, you have still plagiarized. When in doubt, ask or check out <https://bothell.nsd.org/resources/student-handbook>

ACCEPTABLE USE AND CODE OF CONDUCT – Use of the NSDNet, and public networks such as the Internet, by students shall be in accordance with the District's Acceptable Use Procedures and the NSD Code of Conduct. The Rights & Responsibilities Handbook Concerning Student Conduct prohibits the misuse or inappropriate use of technology (including websites and e-mail) that interferes with or disrupts the educational process. The inappropriate use of electronic communication, whether initiated at school or not, that violates district policies against harassment, discrimination, intimidation and bullying is not permitted. It is a violation of student codes of conduct to invade the privacy of or to misrepresent someone through electronic communications. Please see the NSD Rights and Responsibilities Handbook for more information.

BHS ID CARD – Students must carry their BHS ID cards when at school and/or BHS events. ID cards are provided to all students free of charge. *Lost, stolen or damaged ID cards can be replaced at the Cashier window for \$5.*

DANCE CONTRACT – By purchasing a dance ticket to any BHS sponsored dance, I agree to the following:

- Demonstrate good character, maintain a high community standard, dress appropriately and follow all school & district rules.
- Know that once entering the dance, students/guests not permitted to leave and enter again.
- Students should not be allowed to engage in sexually explicit dancing. Explicit dancing of a sexual nature or unwanted physical contact is prohibited. All dancers should face their partner, keep both feet near the floor, no sitting or lying down on the dance floor, no bumping or grinding with your partner. Hand placement on your partner must be appropriate for a school setting, there must be space between partners, no freak dancing or “moshing” on the dance floor.
- Understand that students (and their guests) may be subject to a check for illegal or controlled substances.
- Forged signatures will result in the forfeit of future dance or event attendance by the BHS student and his/her guest. This contract will serve as the **ONLY** warning. If approached at the dance for violating this agreement, students and their guests will be removed from the event and subject to appropriate school/district discipline. Parents will be contacted and are expected to pick dismissed students up from the dance.

Bothell High School students agree to assume full responsibility for their own actions, and if applicable, for their guests. Failure to comply with the listed expectations will result in removal from the dance, school discipline, and denied participation in the next dance. Progressive discipline applies to subsequent contract violations. A second infraction will result in loss of dance privileges for one calendar year. Students on dance probation will not receive approval to attend other outside school dances. Students must be in good standing to attend dances.

DRESS CODE – Students are expected to follow the Dress Code (no t-shirts with drug, alcohol, pornographic, weapons, or gang-related slogans etc.) See the BHS Student Handbook for further details.

FIELD TRIPS – Participants must be in good standing academically, behaviorally, and have regular attendance. Please plan accordingly to acquire and complete homework on time from these absences.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING & CYBER-BULLYING – The Northshore School District strives to provide students with optimal conditions for learning in a school environment where everyone is treated with respect. In order to ensure respect and prevent harm, it is a violation of district policy for a student to be harassed, intimidated, bullied or cyberbullied by others in the school community, at school sponsored events, or when such actions create a substantial disruption to the educational process. Harassment because of a student’s race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, including gender expression or identity, mental or physical disability, or other distinguishing characteristics is prohibited. Please see the NSD Rights and Responsibilities Handbook for more information.

ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES – Possession, use, purchase, sale, agreement or intent to sell or intent to purchase (whether completed or not), transport, distribution and/or delivery, of alcohol, marijuana, any food or beverage containing alcohol, marijuana, controlled substances, (e.g., narcotics or inhalants) prescription drugs, or other chemical substances, in a manner inconsistent with its intended use, the prescribing order or look-a-likes including but not limited to drug paraphernalia or substance carrying devices (including but not limited to; vapor/vapes, hookah and e-cigarettes) is prohibited. See the Northshore School District Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook for further details.

We want you here, and we hope that you want to be here. We are structured to help you succeed in whatever you choose to do. If you find that you are having a hard time meeting any of these expectations, please talk with your teacher, advisor, or someone else at Bothell to find a solution and develop a plan that will work for you. We know that you can succeed and meet your goals. These minimum expectations are designed to help you do just that – SUCCEED!

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand that I will be held responsible for Bothell High School’s student expectations contract.

Student Signature

Print name (must be legible)

Parent Signature

Print Parent name

Date

Year of graduation