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**THE BEMENT SCHOOL MISSION**

The Bement School provides an education based on time-honored school traditions and values for children in kindergarten through ninth grade, day and boarding. From the classrooms to the dorms, we live and learn as a family while encouraging responsibility for our own work and actions. Bement actively seeks an academically diverse, international, and multi-cultural student body. Students and adults at Bement work together to create a climate of acceptance, kindness, and challenge which nurtures each child intellectually, creatively, physically, and emotionally.

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The Bement School admits students of any race, color, sexual orientation, ancestry, religious affiliation, national and ethnic origin, to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities made available to its students. The school does not discriminate in the administration of its educational, admission, financial aid policies, and athletic or other school administered programs.

August, 2008

Dear Families,

Welcome! Whether it's your first or your tenth year with us, we look forward to time with your family. Reading the Family Handbook is everyone's first homework of the year. As usual, there are some additions and changes to it, yet you will also find information that has been part of Bement for more than eighty years.

Because we know that your familiarity with the advice and expectations within will offer useful guidance, we ask that the *Handbook* be read by parents and students in order to ensure understanding by both. You'll find necessary information about everything from cell phones to daily schedules to friendships. After you've read the *Handbook*, please return the post card indicating that you've done so—an action required by Massachusetts state law. The *Family Handbook* should continue to be a resource throughout the year, and we hope you will use it that way.

Frequent, informative communication matters deeply at Bement. Use this *Handbook*, but never hesitate to contact us with your questions, concerns, or celebrations. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I reiterate my warm welcome!

Sincerely,



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## **WHAT IS EXPECTED OF BEMENT STUDENTS**

### **Guidelines**

Living within a positive community atmosphere is an important goal at Bement. Please read these simple rules and think about them. Following them will help preserve our caring community. We are a family-oriented school, and we need everyone's help to support this tradition.

1. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. How you act toward others greatly affects their behavior toward you.
2. Respect all Bement property. Everyone shares and benefits from its use.
3. Be prompt with all responsibilities. If you procrastinate, you usually feel worse instead of better.
4. Be forgiving. It is neither necessary nor beneficial to hold a grudge or get back at someone.
5. If you have a problem, ask for help. The head of school, your dorm parents, your teachers, your advisor, or another community member will be glad to assist you.
6. Take care with your personal grooming. The way you present yourself shows the rest of the world how you feel about yourself.

## **BEMENT SCHOOL POLICY**

School policy, as outlined in this *Handbook*, applies whenever and wherever students come under the school's jurisdiction. This shall be from the time they leave their parents' direct supervision to journey to the school or to participate in school activities until they have returned to direct parental supervision. Boarding students given permission by their parents to spend time at the home of a day student during the school year are still deemed to be under the school's jurisdiction and are expected to comply with school policy. **Similarly, day students, who during the school year are in the company of boarding students, shall consider themselves governed by this policy, whether at the school or away.** Students who by their conduct, while beyond the direct supervision of the school, threaten the welfare of the school community or bring its name into disrepute as the result of a violation of school policy may be subject to disciplinary action by the school. All disciplinary actions taken can become part of a student's permanent record, and that record could eventually be disclosed to third parties.

The following conduct on the part of The Bement School students shall not be permitted and shall be grounds for possible disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the school:

- lying or cheating, including plagiarism;
- stealing or the knowing possession of stolen property;
- bullying or having a harmful or negative impact on other members of the school community;
- using vulgar or inappropriate language, gestures, or behavior;
- possessing, using, or promoting the use of alcohol, tobacco, controlled drugs, or their paraphernalia;
- inappropriate use of technology;

- possessing or using fireworks, explosive or highly flammable substances, firearms, pellet or BB guns, knives, or any other dangerous weapon;
- having intimate sexual contact with another member of the school community;
- being in the dormitory room of a person of the other sex without specific permission from a faculty member.

### **ANTI-HAZING POLICY**

#### **Massachusetts Anti-hazing Law**

The State of Massachusetts has a very strong anti-hazing statute under Mass General Laws Ch. 269, §§ 17-19 which defines “hazing” and outlines specific obligations for schools and individuals to follow in compliance with the regulations.

#### **Anti-Hazing Policy**

The Bement School recognizes the need to prevent the occurrence of any form of “hazing” within the Bement School community. Each student group, team, or organization must understand the serious nature of hazing and agree to comply with state laws that prohibit hazing on our school’s campus.

Hazing is defined as “any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the

physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation.”

It is against the policies of The Bement School and unlawful under state law to engage in any actions that constitute hazing as defined herein.

### **Discipline**

Any member or group within the Bement Community found to be in violation of the anti-hazing policy shall be subject to discipline up to and including suspension from school activities, dismissal from school, or termination of employment. Students, faculty, parent volunteers, and any person participating in organized activities as part of the Bement School programs and curriculum must comply with this policy.

### **Reporting an Incident**

It is the responsibility of any member of the Bement Community who is subjected to hazing or who witnesses a case of unlawful hazing to report any such incident directly to his/her faculty advisor, supervisor, or, if that is not appropriate, to the business manager, or head of school so that the school may investigate and deal promptly with the complaint. An investigation of all complaints will be undertaken immediately and, if warranted, appropriate corrective action will be taken against the perpetrator(s), ranging from counseling to academic suspension/dismissal, or termination of employment. All information will be handled with the highest degree of confidentiality possible under the circumstances and with due regard for the rights and wishes of all parties. Under the anti-hazing statute, a person who is required to but fails to report hazing activities is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000.

## **INTERNET USE POLICY**

The Bement School believes that the Internet is an invaluable educational tool and, as a result of this belief, currently provides limited Internet access to students. The Bement School is also aware that some material on the Internet is unsuitable for K-9 students. The Bement School will act reasonably and responsibly in protecting students from accessing inappropriate materials and will not condone the use of the Internet in violation of any of the policies listed below or for any other illegal purpose(s). However, even with human and technological safeguards in place, a possibility exists that students could be exposed to objectionable materials. Bement will work with students to help them make wise online decisions. However, students ultimately must take responsibility for their choices. Anyone who intentionally violates this policy or visits an inappropriate web page will be subject to regular school disciplinary procedures in addition to suspension or loss of Internet privileges.

### *Classroom and Library Computers*

- Internet access is given for academic research purposes. However, if no one is waiting to use one of these computers for academic research, boarding students and all faculty may use these machines to check and send e-mail.
- Day students should not use school computers for e-mail.
- Use of the Internet for illegal, obscene, or commercial purposes is prohibited.
- Students may not use the Internet to instant message or to enter chat rooms (or their functional equivalents).
- Users may not harass others by sending e-mail or instant messages with annoying, obscene, libelous, or threatening messages or images. We encourage parents to be attentive to these issues on home computers as well.

- In the event that a student accidentally gains access to an inappropriate web page or receives an inappropriate e-mail message, that student should (a) exit the site and then, (b) immediately notify an adult (the technology coordinator or head of school, if available, otherwise any teacher who will report the incident to the head of school). An inappropriate web page includes, but is not necessarily limited to, any page containing images or descriptions of sexual acts, graphic violence, threats of violence, nudity, illegal use of drugs or other substances, or excessive profanity.

*Dormitory Computers (applies to boarding students and their guests)*

- The rules for the academic and library computers also apply to the dormitory with the following exceptions:
  - E-mail to family members is given equal priority with academic uses.
  - Legal, non-academic uses that do not fall under the definition of inappropriate (as previously outlined) are permitted when others do not wish to use the computer for academic research or family e-mail.
  - Boarders who accidentally visit an inappropriate web site should notify their dorm parent immediately.
  - Boarders who intentionally visit an inappropriate web site will be subject to regular dorm disciplinary procedures in addition to suspension or loss of dorm computer privileges.
- The dormitory Internet rules apply to students' activity on personal computers as well as on computers owned by the school.
- Students are responsible for any charges incurred as a result of their Internet use.

### *Home Computers*

The School recognizes that many students use social networks such as Facebook, My Space, and Youtube. We encourage you to check each site's user policy, as most of our students do not meet the required age or school enrollment specifications.

## **ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES**

### **Academic Calendar**

The school year is divided into three terms: fall (September-November), winter (December-March), and spring (April-June). Within the winter term, a three week mini-term takes place in December. In the upper school, formal academic reports are sent home every three weeks. In the lower school, a midterm report is sent home. Full reports with faculty comments are prepared at the end of each term for both the upper and lower school. All students in grades five through nine take standardized achievement tests (ERB) during the spring term. Students in grades seven, eight, and nine also take the Secondary School Admissions Test (SSAT) in December. The SSAT tests are optional for grade six.

### **Additional Testing**

In order to know as much as possible about how to best serve a student, a classroom teacher or our learning specialist will periodically recommend additional testing for that student. Because of the importance of these requests, Bement requires that action be taken to initiate testing within 60 days of the request. Bement reserves the right to withhold enrollment if additional testing is not undertaken.

### **Attendance**

Attendance will be taken daily at 8:10 a.m. Students who are late to school will be marked tardy. Should your child be absent or tardy, please call the school. Students who are dismissed early should bring a note from home excusing them. Absences and tardy days will be recorded on students' reports each term and will be recorded cumulatively throughout the year. Spring Fling Saturday, Memorial Day, Baccalaureate, and Commencement are required school days at which attendance is taken.

Bement has a very generous vacation schedule. Please respect this schedule and plan family trips during its designated times.

Extended absences from classes are disruptive to academic progress. Teachers will not be responsible for preparing academic work for students

away on non-vacation time. If school days must be missed, please notify a school administrator in advance. Please be aware that extended or frequent absences will jeopardize your child's growth and could affect decisions about promotion to the next grade and/or graduation.

Whether you are arriving at school; going to class, sports, or the dining room; or meeting a teacher or friends, it is important to remember to be on time. Everyone's time is valuable, and each of us appreciates the courtesy of promptness.

### **Cell Phones, Electronic Devices**

Students are prohibited from using cell phones and other electronic devices during school hours. The school will not be responsible for lost or stolen electronic equipment.

### **Communication with the School**

Bement operates a switchboard from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Messages can be forwarded to voice mail for all faculty and staff, and every attempt will be made to return calls in a timely manner. To maintain focus and attention, classroom phones will rarely be answered during the school day. If a true emergency exists, please let the switchboard operator know. In addition, all faculty and staff may be reached via email.

### **Library**

Bement students frequently visit the Clagett McLennan Library in the Polk Building where they are encouraged to check out materials from the library's collection. Lower school classes typically visit the library on a weekly basis, and upper school teachers often bring classes to the library for research and book selection as well.

Because Bement is a K-9 school, parents should monitor the materials their child has checked out, both in terms of the

material's suitability for their child's age and the date items are due to be returned. Library staff send notices to students who have overdue materials and may call a student's home with a reminder. If a student loses an item, or if an item is more than 30 days overdue, the student's account will be billed so that the item can be replaced for others to use and to enjoy. It's always a good idea for students to check with library staff if they think a book may have been lost.

### **Personal Property**

Bement School is not responsible for the personal property of students. Parents should make sure that students' possessions are marked with their names and that expensive items such as cameras, computers, and musical instruments are covered by their homeowner's insurance.

### **Physical Contact**

When students start establishing close friendships, they should limit their physical contact to hand holding. No other physical contact is allowed on campus.

### **Re-enrollment**

Re-enrollment contracts are sent to returning students' families in February. They should be filled out and returned with a deposit to the Business Office. While the re-enrollment process is usually automatic, occasionally the school does not feel ready to offer re-enrollment to a student in February and will withhold the contract until the student is performing appropriately to re-enroll. If this happens, parents will be notified in writing.

### **Respect for Property**

“Property” means all the things in and around the school. Some of it, such as books or clothing, belongs to other students or teachers. For one reason or another, it may be more convenient to borrow another person's book, pencil, clothing, or bicycle instead of using one's own belongings. This is not acceptable. Items are easily lost or broken when they are traded back and forth. Remember, you must pay for the loss or damage of a borrowed item. Use your own equipment and clothing and if you need something, speak to an adult about it.

Other property, such as buildings, desks, vans, buses, and trucks, belongs to the school. This means they have been bought by the school because they are needed for your education. If any of this property is damaged or broken, it has to be repaired or replaced. If you damage something, you and your parents may have to pay for it.

Do your best to follow these rules:

- Clearly mark articles of clothing and other personal possessions brought to the school with the owner's name. Iron-on nametapes should be sewn in place. Other items should be labeled with indelible ink. Lost, unclaimed, or unmarked articles are given to local charities on an announced regular basis.
- Put things back where they belong. Most items that are reported lost or stolen have been left in the wrong place.
- Return to an adult any lost items which you find. Remember that "finders keepers" just does not work. Think of how you would feel if you misplaced something and did not get it back.

Bement School requires that all tuition, fees, and incidental expenses be paid promptly according to the conditions agreed to in your enrollment agreements.

Under terms of your enrollment agreement, payment of tuition and fee obligations is contractually required even if your student is suspended or withdrawn from school. Payment for tuition and fees must be current in order for your student to remain enrolled at the school. Failure to maintain your tuition and fee payments in a timely manner can lead to action up to, and including, suspension of your student from school until your accounts are brought up to current status.

Incidental expenses are billed monthly and must be paid when billed. All student accounts must be paid in full by July 1<sup>st</sup> each year in order to re-enroll your student for the following academic year. The Bement School reserves the right to withhold enrollment or process final grades subject to the account status of each student.

### **Visitors**

In order to start the school day in a timely manner, we ask all parents and guardians to leave classroom buildings and play areas by 8:10 a.m.

In accordance with our School Safety Plan, all parents and visitors on campus after 8:10 a.m. must check-in with the business office in Barton House or the administrative assistant in the Kittredge Building to receive guest badges. On weekends, visitors must check-in with the dorm parent on duty.

**LOWER SCHOOL**  
**Kindergarten - Grade Five**

The following information relates to students in grades kindergarten through two based in the Keith School House and grades two through five based in the Drake School Building.

DAILY SCHEDULE  
Monday through Friday

8:10 a.m.	School starts - Morning Meeting
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Classes
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Snack/Recess (K-2)
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Snack/Recess (3-5)
11:30 - 12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Recess (K-3)
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Classes
3:30 p.m.	Dismissal
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	After School Group (Monday-Thursday)
3:15 p.m.	Friday dismissal (no After School Group)

**Class Arrangement**

Lower school students in grades kindergarten through four meet with their own classroom teachers for their academic work in self-contained classes. They meet with other instructors for art, music, drama, foreign language, and physical education.

Fifth grade students have a homeroom teacher, but meet with both fifth grade teachers every day. Working within an interdisciplinary curriculum, one fifth grade teacher instructs each group in language arts and social studies, while the other works with both groups in math and science. As with other lower school students, fifth graders meet with other instructors for art, music, drama, foreign language, and physical education.

## **Reports**

Reports will be sent home twice each trimester: one mid-term and one term-end report. The fall and spring trimester end-of-term reports will be coordinated with a scheduled half-hour parent conference. Children will receive marks for their individual academic progress and their effort. Children will also receive marks for their attitude, behavior, and contributions to school life. Written comments will accompany the marking system. During the winter term, reports will go home after miniterm and at the term's end.

## **Homework Assignments**

All lower school students participate in KBAR (Kick Back And Read) which encourages reading for pleasure. Parents are asked to supervise required nightly silent reading (reading aloud in the lower grades) and to verify that it has taken place by initialing KBAR sheets.

Kindergartners do not have homework on a regular basis, but occasionally may have a simple assignment as a follow-up to a classroom lesson or project. First graders have a 20-minute homework assignment one night a week, and are encouraged to read with their parents (KBAR) every night. Second graders have four nights of homework for about 25 minutes each night which includes KBAR.

In third grade, four nights of homework are assigned. These assignments should take 20-30 minutes and are in addition to nightly KBAR of 20 minutes. Grade four and five students have up to an hour of homework four nights per week. This includes 20 minutes of nightly KBAR for fourth graders. Fifth graders' KBAR may be in addition to their hour of homework. Occasionally fourth and fifth graders have weekend assignments.

Homework is not assigned in the lower school over holiday vacations with the possible exception of Spring Break. During this vacation teachers may assign a book to be read in preparation for spring term, and math review may be encouraged.

### **After School Group**

From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, the school provides optional after school care to facilitate car pool arrangements with upper school students. (When the upper school is dismissed at the same time as the lower school, i.e. on Fridays, early dismissal days, and at the end of the year, there is no After School Group offered. These times will be announced in the *Lower School Look Ahead*.) This option is available to all lower school students. Supervised activities include organized play, outdoor free play, crafts, and indoor study hall. Families will be billed for this service on a monthly basis. Parents must fill out a form in the Business Office to register for After School Group.

### **Parent Conferences**

A formal open house night for parents is held in the fall. Individual conferences are scheduled in the fall and spring and as needed during the year. Parents should leave a message or send email to their child's teacher if they have a question or concern. The lower school head is also available to meet with parents at any time after the classroom teacher has been contacted.

### **Physical Education**

All students in kindergarten through third grade exercise daily under the guidance of lower school physical education teachers. The program focuses on education in basic skills and perceptual motor competencies. It incorporates games appropriate for the specific age group and is enhanced by the children's natural love of movement. A wide range of games and activities covers the following areas:

rhythm, low organization games, relays, mimetics, introduction to team sports, gymnastics and self-testing activities, perceptual motor training, and aerobic dancing. More intricate game skills are introduced as the children progress. All children must have sneakers every day for physical education.

Students in grades four and five meet separately by grade for physical education. They have a slightly different program from kindergarten through third grade which builds on their team and general skills with some intramural play. Sports activities will reflect seasonal sports.

Fourth and fifth graders should have sneakers every day. They may bring a change of shirt, either to wear for physical education or to change into after physical education, if they wish.

The spring swimming program for kindergarten through fifth grade offers a period of instruction, based on the American Red Cross Swimming and Basic Survival courses. It takes place for four weeks (two days per week) during the spring term at Deerfield Academy.

### **Language Instruction**

All lower school students (K-5) receive instruction (stressing exposure) in three languages. In one term, students study French; one term Spanish, and one term, Chinese. All languages are taught by members of the upper school language department.

### **Fine Arts**

On a rotating basis, all students receive daily instruction in art, music, or drama from the fine arts department faculty. In addition, third graders receive instruction on the recorder, and fourth and fifth graders receive instruction in band instruments. Participation at the third, fourth, and fifth grade level is required, and students need to obtain their own instrument and instruction books. Musical instruments can be rented with the band director's help.

Lower school day students may not bring bicycles, rollerblades, or skateboards to school. Day students who live within walking distance of Bement may ride their bikes to and from school, but their bikes must remain locked in the bike rack throughout the school day.

In compliance with Massachusetts law, Bement requires that all bikers and skaters wear a helmet, and other protective gear is encouraged.

### **Snacks**

Bement provides two well-balanced daily snacks for each lower school student. Students are expected to eat the snacks provided and may not bring food to school for snack. The two exceptions to this are birthday snacks, which are welcomed, and medically necessitated snacks with a written physician's note and approval by the lower school head.

### **Money**

Lower school students should not have money at school. They may not bring fundraising materials to school which require the solicitation of money from other students. For Bement sanctioned fundraisers (such as the School Store or Read-a-thons) money should go directly to the lower school head's office and should not be kept in cubbies or desks.

### **Recess and Toys**

Lower school students have teacher-supervised recess several times each day. Lower school teachers feel that during our busy and scheduled day, recess should be a relaxed time when students may:

- experience the freedom to play what they want.
- be creative.
- get exercise.
- have fun.
- socialize, communicate, negotiate, and problem solve with their classmates and friends.
- use teachers as helpful resources when social issues cannot be resolved by themselves.

The school provides a variety of playground structures as well as sports equipment and wide, open spaces. These should provide students with many options and opportunities at recess time. For this reason, students should not bring any toys from home for recess unless they have checked with their teacher. This is especially true of electronic games or trading cards. Their presence on campus can be disruptive during the school day, they can be misplaced or misused by students other than their owners, and their use at recess prevents the much needed physical activity that such time should provide.

**UPPER SCHOOL**  
**Grades Six - Nine**

The following information relates to students in grades six through nine, based in the Kittredge Building.

Daily Schedule

*Fall and Spring - (Monday - Thursday)*

8:10 - 8:25 a.m. Morning Meeting  
8:25 - 8:45 a.m. Reading  
8:45 -10:35 a.m. Classes  
10:35 -10:55 a.m. Recess  
10:55 -12:45 p.m. Classes  
12:45 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch  
1:30 - 2:25 p.m. Classes  
2:25 - 3:00 p.m. Study Hall  
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Sports  
4:30 p.m. Dismissal

*Winter - (Monday/Tuesday/Thursday)*

8:10 - 8:30 a.m. Morning Meeting  
8:30 -11:15 a.m. Classes  
11:15 - 1:05 p.m. Sports  
1:05 - 1:50 p.m. Lunch  
1:50 - 3:40 p.m. Classes  
3:40 - 4:00 p.m. Reading  
4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Study Hall  
4:30 p.m. Dismissal

*Winter - (Wednesday)*

8:10 - 8:30 a.m. Morning Meeting  
8:30 -10:30 a.m. Classes  
10:30 -10:45 a.m. Recess  
10:45 -11:45 a.m. Classes  
11:45 - 4:30 p.m. Lunch/Skiing  
4:30 p.m. Dismissal

Fall, Winter, Spring - (Friday)

8:10- 9:15 a.m.	All School Meeting
9:15- 9:30 a.m.	Advisors
9:30-11:00 a.m.	Classes
11:00-11:20 a.m.	Recess
11:20-12:05 p.m.	Class
12:05-12:45 p.m.	Band/Choir
12:45- 1:30 p.m.	Class
1:30- 2:15 p.m.	Lunch
2:15- 3:30 p.m.	Advisor/Community Service

**Examinations**

Formal examinations at the end of the fall and spring terms are given to students in grades seven through nine. Teachers of the sixth grade may choose to utilize exams or other evaluative methods at the end of each marking period.

**Reports and Grading**

Approximately every three weeks, academic tri-weekly indicator reports, which include grades, effort marks, and brief comments, are mailed home. At the end of each term, students receive comprehensive comments as well as grades for achievement and effort. Students also receive effort marks with written comments for sports. Boarders receive comments from their dorm parents as well.

Students' achievement grades are a measure of academic performance in class. They range from a top "A" to a bottom passing grade of "D" and a failing grade "F." These are complemented with a "+" or "-" sign to give a thirteen-level system from "A+" down to "D-" for a pass and "F" for a fail.

At Bement, effort marks receive the same emphasis as achievement. Effort grades reflect a variety of factors such as class participation, concentration, and the punctuality and completeness of homework. The grading system is based on a five-point scale as follows:

- 1 Outstanding.** You exceed expectations in depth, initiative, risk-taking, clarity, and insight. You are not satisfied with following checklists, and you stretch yourself to improve in all areas of work. Your energy and commitment to your teacher, your classmates, and your work sets an example for all.
- 2 Very good** You meet expectations in depth, initiative, risk-taking, clarity, insight. Your energy and commitment to your teacher, your classmates, and your work is obvious.
- 3 Adequate** You sometimes meet expectations with regard to the depth and clarity of your work. You need to initiate and risk more in class by asking questions, sharing ideas, suggesting activities. Your energy and commitment to your teacher, your classmates, and your work is sometimes evident.
- 4 Unsatisfactory** You often fail to meet expectations. Your work lacks depth and clarity; you seldom show initiative or take risks. Your energy and commitment to your teacher, your classmates, and your work is rarely evident.
- 5 Unacceptable** You fail to meet expectations. You don't show initiative or take risks. Your work reveals little or no depth or clarity. You consistently distract others. You show little or no effort on homework or class work. You take no initiative to improve quality of work or behavior.

### **Academic Support**

Occasionally students require tutorial support or an individualized course. When this is mutually agreed upon, parents should expect additional fees for these changes to the curriculum.

### **Merit List**

This category rewards those doing commendable work within their capabilities, while at the same time recognizing strong and consistent effort. This honor is based solely on effort ratings. To earn this award, a student must have all effort grades at the "2" level or above in all school activities. There are three merit lists, one for each term.

### **Honor Roll**

The Honor Roll recognizes outstanding academic achievement based solely on term-end grades in all academic courses. To earn this award, a student must have achieved all "B's" or better. There are three Honor Rolls, one for each term.

### **Parent Conferences**

Conference times are scheduled for parents in October and April. Any academic concern can be addressed at other times by contacting the individual classroom teacher, the student's advisor, the assistant head of school, or the head of school. The dean of students should be consulted about social or behavior problems.

### **Homework Assignments**

Students record homework lessons in their assignment notebooks at the end of each class. Homework assignments are to be completed outside the classroom. Each assignment will usually require twenty to forty minutes of time. Written assignments are to be completed on punched, lined, theme paper; typed; or otherwise neatly prepared. Students who neglect homework assignments may be placed on a homework contract that monitors a student's daily ability to complete assignments successfully. If a student is absent, assignments should be picked up by a parent after 3:30 p.m. in the Kittredge Building.

### **Composition Guidelines**

Please keep these guidelines in your notebook and follow them whenever you write a composition. All of your teachers will use them.

- STANDARDS:** If a paper is deficient in content or mechanics, it will be returned for corrections before a final grade is given.
- PAPER:** Only use three-hole, loose-leaf filler, or typing paper.
- METHOD:** Use only one side of the paper, and write with blue or black ink only. Typed papers must be double-spaced with 12-point font.
- COMPUTERS:** Technical difficulties will not be acceptable as an excuse for late papers.
- HEADING:** In the upper right section of the paper, write the following: 1) first and last name, 2) name of teacher, 3) date submitted. In the center of the first line, write the title, if there is one. Skip a line and begin the body of the paper.
- PAGINATION:** If there is only one page, no number is necessary. If there is more than one page, number each page in the upper right hand corner.
- LEGIBILITY:** Each page should be as neat as possible. Formation of letters should be legible. Make a distinction between capital and lower case letters.
- MARGINS:** Right and left margins should be one inch on all drafts.
- NUMBER OF DRAFTS:** You must write and revise a rough draft before handing in a final draft. Skip every other line on handwritten rough drafts to leave room for changes.
- COMMON ERRORS:** You will be expected to work hard to avoid errors such as fragments, run-ons, comma faults, repeated misspellings, and incorrect capitals and end marks.

## **Textbooks**

Students will purchase and be billed for their textbooks each year. Sometimes there is a user fee for those texts not purchased. A textbook exchange will be held each fall.

## **School Store**

Students may purchase academic supplies at the school store in the Kittredge Building. Charges are billed at the end of each term.

## **Athletics**

Bement's setting is ideal for outdoor sports and activities. Playing fields are located on campus and at the north end of town. We are also fortunate to use facilities at Deerfield Academy which include squash courts, a hockey rink, basketball courts, a pool, and a track. The alpine ski team trains at Berkshire East, about 30 minutes from campus.

A choice of competitive or non-competitive sports is offered each term. All competitive teams have an interscholastic schedule. Some sports offerings, especially non-competitive choices, will vary from year to year depending on interest.

Fall sports may include girls field hockey and soccer, boys soccer, and co-ed cross-country running, tennis, ultimate Frisbee, dance, and mountain biking. The winter selections are usually downhill skiing, basketball, hockey, squash, swimming, and cross-country skiing. Basketball has a girls and boys team; all other teams are co-ed. All students participate in Winter Wednesdays, where they have the choice to ski or snowboard at Berkshire East or to cross-country ski in the area. In the spring, Bement often offers baseball, softball, boys and girls lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee, track, dance, and outdoor skills.

Team uniforms are provided by the school and should be promptly returned at the end of each season. Students will be charged for uniforms not turned in. Practice gear and clothing are provided by students with a few exceptions. Boarding students may have necessary items purchased by the school and charged to parents. Ski equipment may be rented.

Students are required to participate in athletics all three terms, with at least one team sport chosen each year. Because Bement athletics are an integral part of our curriculum, they should take priority over outside activities. This includes all team contests after regular school hours and on Saturdays. Requests to pursue alternatives to Bement's athletic offerings are discouraged, and any request to do so must be approved by the athletic director, upper school head, and head of school.

### **Dances**

Social dances are held throughout the school year and are generally sponsored by the ninth grade. Students in grade seven through nine are allowed to attend these dances and may bring one guest. All guests must be sponsored by a Bement student, registered on the sign-up list, and approved by the assistant head of school prior to the dance.

### **Bicycles, Rollerblades, and Skateboards**

Bicycles, rollerblades, and skateboards may not be used during school hours by upper school students. Upper school day students who live within walking distance of Bement may ride their bikes to and from school, but their bikes must remain locked in the bike rack throughout the school day. In compliance with Massachusetts law, Bement requires that all bikers and skaters wear a helmet, and other protective gear is encouraged.

## **COMMENCEMENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

### **Diploma requirements**

Members of the ninth grade must pass all their assigned courses in order to receive a diploma signed by the head of school. If they fail any of these courses, they are still invited to participate in the end-of-the-year ceremonies. However, they will receive an unsigned diploma until they complete an approved course of study.

### **The Grace Bement Award**

This award is voted on by all upper school faculty and presented at Commencement to the ninth grade student who epitomizes the best qualities about Bement. This includes all areas of school life -- a fine, all around student of good character, contributing wholeheartedly in whatever he or she does within the school.

### **The Katharine Bartlett/Mary Drexler Award for Academic Excellence**

This award is presented at Commencement to the class valedictorian, the student with the highest overall academic achievement attained in the ninth grade year.

### **The Head's Award**

This award is given at the head of school's discretion. The award, presented at Commencement, acknowledges outstanding contributions to school life by a ninth grade student.

### **Ushers**

Members of the eighth grade class who have attended Bement for the longest period and who are returning for ninth grade are eligible for the honor of class usher. These students help to lead the community at the end-of-year Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies.

## **DAY STUDENTS: UPPER AND LOWER SCHOOL**

### **Arrival and Departure**

Parking, pick-up, and drop-off can be very busy and congested on our street. For this reason, we ask that you follow closely these procedures which will ensure your child's safety:

- Deliver and pick up all children in front of Bement House.
- Park only on the east side of the street, facing north.
- Children must exit cars on the sidewalk side of the vehicle. No child should ever be in the street.
- The parking leading up to and directly in front of the school are for quick pick-up and drop-off, and drivers using these areas cannot leave their cars.
- Campus parking lots (Bement House and Polk Building) are solely for the use of Bement employees. If your child needs proximity to a campus facility, please contact the business manager. Please do not turn into the school driveways or block the driveways of Bement's neighbors.
- Do not make U-turns on the street, and never double park.
- Pick-up on early dismissal days is 1:45 p.m. for the lower school and 2:00 p.m. for the upper school.
- Pick-up on Fridays is 3:15 p.m. for the lower school and 3:30 p.m. for the upper school.
- If you have children in both divisions, please arrive at the later dismissal.

## **Transportation**

Students riding in school vans, buses, or faculty cars should remain seated with a seat belt fastened at all times. They should behave properly and take care not to distract the driver in any way. Students who misbehave or are disrespectful to a driver may be denied transportation privileges. Technology may only be used with permission of a driver or chaperone.

## **Snow Days**

Since many students at Bement live in close proximity to the school or are boarders, the academic day is rarely canceled. We do understand that the driving conditions for day families may vary dramatically, and we ask that day parents use their best judgment regarding their children's attendance when driving is treacherous. Children will not be penalized for being absent during a day when weather conditions interfere with their safe transportation.

On occasions when severe winter conditions exist, school may be canceled. This information will be posted on the Bement website: [www.bement.org](http://www.bement.org). It will also be broadcast by local television and radio stations:

## **Telephone Calls**

With the appropriate permission, day students may use school telephones for necessary calls.

## **Copy Machines**

Due to the large demands on photocopy machines, use is restricted to faculty only.

## **Medical Information**

If a child is absent, the parent should call Bement at 774-7061 to inform the school of the nature of the child's absence. Day students who become ill during the school day will normally lie down quietly in a supervised setting until they can be taken home. Bement students may utilize the facilities at the Deerfield Academy Health Center when necessary. In the case of emergency admission to the Health Center, day students may be charged for services.

At school, medication will only be given to students if the teacher has a note from a parent explaining the medication and its dosage.

Only prescription medication will be administered, but every effort should be made for this to be taken before and after school.

Any medication is to be kept by the lower school head in the lower school and/or the administrative assistant in the upper school and will only be administered by an adult. Inhalers are considered medication and should be kept by the appropriate teacher during the school day. Children healthy enough to attend school are expected to participate in all the activities of the school day, including physical education. Students will not be excused from physical education/sports without a doctor's note.

### **Field Trips**

From time to time the school plans educational field trips to enrich formal instruction. The faculty may require students to go on supplemental field trips. Transportation and admission costs may be billed to the students. A one-time permission slip is sent home for parents to complete. Thereafter, parents are kept informed of trips in which the students will participate.

### **Parties**

In order to avoid hurt feelings and embarrassment, please do not send party invitations, gifts, favors, or thank you notes to school for delivery. It is Bement's firm belief that all children in a class (or all boys or all girls) should be invited to a party. Remember, everyone likes to be included. When thinking of inviting classmates, it is best not to leave out anyone.

### **Parents' Association Store**

On a monthly basis, the Parents' Association opens its school store. Permission slips will go home the week before the store is opened. Students with signed permission slips may visit the store with a teacher's permission. All proceeds benefit the Parents' Association's school projects.

## SCHOOL DRESS

- All students are expected to be neat, clean, and presentable, and clothing should not be distracting.
- Students should come to school dressed appropriately for the weather.
- Clothing (pants, skirts, jackets, etc.) made of blue, washed, or distressed denim is not acceptable school dress for boys or girls.
- Tie-dyed pants, oversized pants, camouflage pants, or frayed hems are not acceptable school dress.
- Tank tops, tee-shirts (long and short sleeved), tube tops, and halter tops are not acceptable school dress.
- Skirts and shorts for upper school students must be no shorter than 6" from the top of the knee.
- All students' tops must have collars or turtlenecks.
- Athletic clothing, including hooded and traditional sweatshirts, is not acceptable school dress.
- Sandals and approved shorts may be worn during the fall and spring terms.
- Students must have adequate outdoor clothing in order to play outside at recess periods.
- Lower school students must have sneakers every day for PE and recess.
- Students may not come to school with their hair colored, dyed, or sprayed in a non-traditional hair color.

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Parents may be contacted if a child's dress is not appropriate, and every attempt will be made to provide appropriate clothes. If in doubt, contact the lower or upper school head.

## **"Monday Dress"**

Monday Dress is a special tradition at Bement, when the entire community dresses uniformly. On most Mondays, students must wear the following:

**BOYS:** - khaki slacks  
**GIRLS:** - khaki skirt, skort, or slacks  
- white dress shirt with tie or white turtleneck  
- K to 2 boys may wear polo shirts with ties  
- white collared blouse, white polo shirt, or white turtleneck

**BOTH:** - navy blazer with Bement patch (K to 5 may wear navy Bement v-neck sweater)  
- khaki shorts (fall and spring terms)  
- dress shoes or dress sandals (K to 5 may wear sneakers)  
- K to 5 may wear cargo slacks, skirts, skorts, or shorts

## **"Formal Monday Dress"**

Formal Monday Dress is required on designated occasions such as formal assemblies, Baccalaureate, and Commencement. For Formal Monday Dress students must wear:

**BOYS:** - khaki slacks  
- white dress shirt with tie  
blouse  
(no polo shirts)  
sandals  
- socks and dress shoes  
(no sandals or sneakers)

**GIRLS:** - khaki skirt or skort  
- white collared  
- dress shoes or dress

**BOTH:** - Navy blazer with Bement patch  
\* (No cargo slacks, cargo skirts, cargo skorts, or cargo shorts for Formal Monday Dress K-9 and Monday Dress 6-9)

*Bement patches can be purchased in the Bement Business Office and School Store.*

## **DINING ROOM AND MEALS**

Courtesy is expected during all meals. Before entering the dining rooms, upper school students should assemble quietly outside Bement House until permission is given to enter the hall.

In the lower school, kindergartners, first, and second graders should line up quietly in the hallway until they are told to enter the dining rooms by a teacher. Third, fourth, and fifth graders will enter the hallway quietly and follow the younger students into the dining rooms.

All students are asked to enter the dining room silently and remain standing at their places until grace has been said. All students should wait to begin the meal until they are advised to do so by the head of the table.

Students are expected to attend all meals on time. Any upper school student not in the dining room when grace is said reports to the faculty member in charge of the dining room. In order to meet more people, dining room seating changes periodically.

Out of respect to students with life-threatening allergies, peanut butter is not served at Bement. Both upper and lower school students may consider a variety of lunch offerings and should choose a lunch representing at least three food groups. Lower school faculty table heads will check to see that each student does this and eats all food selected.

Special diets must be approved by the school physician or family doctor who in turn must contact the head of school, assistant head of school, or lower school head. A student must ask the head of the table for permission to leave the table or to speak to a student at another table. Proper table manners are always expected.

## FIRE SAFETY

Fire drills are an important part of school life and will take place periodically throughout the year. Specific instructions for the use of stairways and exits, as well as general instructions, are issued to all students during the first school and dormitory meetings. These are reviewed and practiced throughout the year.

## HEALTH SERVICES

Because students sometimes become sick or injured while at school, each family must submit a student health form for each child. This provides information about the student's physical condition and authorizes the school to obtain treatment for the student whenever necessary. A new form is needed every year. It is particularly important that a student's parent or legal guardian sign and submit the "Permission to Treat" form. **Students may not begin the school year until completed forms have been received.**

Information about allergies and any medical or physical condition which might require special consideration should be included on the health form. It is also important to inform the school whenever medication is prescribed or dosages are changed.

Parents will be notified if a student becomes sick or has an accident at school. Emergency treatment will be provided at the Deerfield Academy Health Center or Baystate Franklin Medical Center. A Bement staff member will provide transportation unless an ambulance is required.

All boarding students pay a fee which entitles them to outpatient care at the Deerfield Academy Health Center. The fee covers the cost of the doctor and nurses, but special tests, medications, and appliances cost extra. Deerfield also charges a daily rate when students stay overnight in the Health Center.

Please note that Bement School does not conduct or require the health examinations that the state of Massachusetts requires for all public school students. We recommend that you consult with your health care provider, your local school committee, or your local board of health for information about these examinations and to ensure these exams are carried out for your children.

When counseling is deemed necessary, it is available through the school therapist or someone recommended from outside of the school. Parents will be billed directly for psychological services. Most health plans will pay for some portion of counseling costs.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

The school does not cover medical costs, and in the case of a serious illness or accident they can mount quickly. Bement requires that all students be covered by health insurance - preferably a major medical policy.

Bement offers an insurance plan which provides limited primary coverage. This insurance is mandatory for all students who do not have their own insurance coverage. The school also offers supplementary health insurance, which serves mainly to pick up deductibles and excess costs not covered by a major medical policy.

**BOARDING STUDENTS**

Dormitories are small and homelike. Health and cleanliness are most important, as is responsibility for belongings and the buildings themselves. Each boarding student should make his or her bed daily and change all linen weekly. Each dorm group is expected to be proud of its dormitory and participate in raking, snow shoveling, garden care, window cleaning, and other chores. Such work is sometimes scheduled on weekends.

Frequent contact from home by telephone, e-mail, and letter is important. Boarding students will be urged to communicate with families and may set up e-mail accounts.

Boarding students are not permitted to return to their dorms during the school day without permission from a faculty member. Boarders must secure permission from a dorm parent before leaving dormitories, or a faculty member before leaving campus except when meeting school appointments.

Any dangerous items such as, but not limited to knives, B-B guns, and slingshots should be left at home. Any inappropriate items found at school will be confiscated.

Boarding students should not have more than \$20 in their rooms. Extra money must be given to the dorm parent or dean of boarding for safekeeping.

Boarding students may ride in cars only when accompanied by or when given permission by a faculty member.

### **Technology**

In an effort to keep up-to-date with the ever-changing world of technology, the school has established guidelines and policies to establish a community that is both “techno-friendly” and true to the school’s mission. It is important that you understand the complexity and the importance of these guidelines, and we ask for your cooperation in adhering to them.

## **Computers**

- All personal computers brought to school must be laptops and must be registered and inspected by the technology department upon arrival. The technology department may also periodically inspect computers. Computers will be stored and charged in a designated storage unit when not in use.
- File sharing applications are not allowed (Limewire, Napster, Kazaa, etc.)
- Any software, including games, must be appropriate for all ages and have an “E” rating. Movies are not allowed on computers.
- Personal computers may not be used to access the Internet.

## **Cell Phones**

- All cell phones and numbers must be registered with the boarding department upon arrival on campus.
- Cell phones may only be used on weekends or during scheduled phone times on week days. They may not be taken from the dorm without permission.
- Cell phones will be stored at night in an established area with chargers.

## **Other Technology**

- No personal DVDs or movies are allowed. Students are welcome to leave approved movies with dorm parents. Only G, PG, and PG-13 movies are allowed when age-appropriate.

- No handheld devices (PSP's, gameboys, etc.) are allowed in dorms. Game consoles may only be used in common rooms and will be considered available to all members of the dorm. All games must be appropriate for all ages.

### **Weekends and Holidays**

With the exception of Thanksgiving, winter vacation, spring vacation, and the weekends preceding exams, the school's weekend policy is flexible. The school, however, strongly recommends that boarders do not go home for the weekend preceding or following a vacation. Special permission may be granted in extraordinary circumstances.

Students boarding for the first time at Bement seldom go home for the first two weekends. Students are required to leave campus during scheduled vacations and long weekends.

Weekend permissions are granted to those students having no commitments on campus who are in solid academic and social standing. These weekends should be arranged with permission from all parents concerned and through dorm parents 48 hours before the activity. All plans must meet with dorm parent approval.

Weekends for boarders are carefully planned in advance. Typical weekend activities include trips to local points of interest, sporting events, plays, malls, and movies. Outdoor activities may include hikes, bicycle trips, and informal sports contests. Skiing and skating are emphasized when the weather permits.

### **Illness or Accident**

Boarders who are sick or need treatment should report first to their dorm parents. If necessary, they will then be referred to the Deerfield Academy Health Center to be seen by a physician.

### **Transportation**

Bus service is available from Deerfield. Amtrak leaves from Amherst and Springfield. Planes are available from Bradley International Airport (Hartford), Logan International Airport (Boston), and John F. Kennedy International Airport (New York City) to all parts of the country as well as overseas. Bement is located one hour from Bradley, and two hours from Logan, and three hours from John F. Kennedy.

Parents are responsible for securing air travel arrangements for students. We ask that tickets and itineraries be mailed or faxed to our travel coordinator at least three weeks prior to travel. Failure to meet this deadline may result in additional travel agent fees. Please notify the school immediately of any changes made in travel plans, especially early arrivals.

Arrangements can be made for transportation to deliver and pick up students from the airport, bus station, or train station. Families will be billed for this service.

Any child flying as an unaccompanied minor will need to have that service paid for at the time of purchasing the airline ticket. We will call the airline with the driver information and confirm the outgoing flights, and we ask that the parents do the same for the returning flights. The return driver information will be provided to you as soon as it becomes available to us.

We strongly urge parents to accompany their children to the school at the beginning of each term and to pick them up at the end of the school year. On the day preceding vacations, students will not be allowed to depart from the campus until all classes have ended,

except with special permission from the upper school or lower school head. Transportation to private lessons and special activities can be arranged through the dean of boarding.

### **Allowances**

Personal allowances vary according to grade and are distributed by dorm parents. Parents are billed for allowances on their monthly statement. Students are required to turn in any excess cash over \$20 to their dorm parents or to the dean of boarding. Parents are strongly urged not to send money in letters to their children.

### **Telephone**

We hope parents will telephone and/or e-mail their sons or daughters regularly. In order to allow open access to the dormitory phones, we ask that you respect our ten-minute limit. When you call the dormitory, please state your name and relationship to the student. Please make sure your entire family follows this procedure. Individual policies may vary slightly, but dorms normally accept calls weekdays 4:45-5:15 p.m. and 8:00-9:30 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Cell phones may be used during the same hours, and when not in use, they remain under the supervision of dorm parents.

### **Religious Services**

Arrangements may be made if children wish to attend worship services. Please contact the dean of boarding to make these arrangements. Protestant boarders wishing to attend services typically attend the First Church of Deerfield located on The Street.

### **Pets**

Students are not allowed to keep pets of any kind at the school, either in a dormitory or any other school building.

## **Clothing and Equipment**

All articles brought to the school must be plainly marked with the owner's name. It is necessary to emphasize that this means every item, not just clothing. Iron-on nametapes should be sewn in place. A commercial laundry picks up clothing once a week. It furnishes bedspreads, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, towels, and student laundry bags. As a reminder for everyone's benefit, there should be no borrowing or bartering of any clothing or personal goods. Special care items should probably be left at home.

### Minimum/Basic Clothing Needs

- Boys:
- 1 navy blue blazer with Bement patch
  - 1 sports jacket
  - 6 pairs of slacks - 2 khaki
  - 2 ties
  - 6 long-sleeved, collared shirts - 2 white dress
  - 6 short-sleeved, collared shirts
  - 2 sweaters
  - 2 belts
  - 1 waterproof raincoat with hood
  - 1 umbrella
  - 12 pairs of socks
  - 1 pair of school dress shoes
  - 2 pairs of sneakers
- Girls:
- 1 navy blue blazer with Bement patch
  - 6 pairs of slacks - 2 khaki
  - 4 skirts or dresses - 2 khaki skirts
  - 10 collared blouses or turtlenecks - 2 white
  - 2 sweaters
  - 1 waterproof raincoat with hood
  - 1 umbrella
  - 12 pairs of socks, tights, or pantyhose
  - 1 pair of school dress shoes
  - 2 pairs of sneakers

Girls and Boys:

sports clothing  
1 bathing suit  
2 pairs of jeans (for weekend wear)  
1 heavy wool sweater  
4 jerseys or tee-shirts  
2 pairs of winter gloves or ski mittens  
1 warm hat  
10 pairs of white athletic socks  
1 lightweight jacket  
10 sets underwear  
3 sets of night attire - pajamas/nightgown  
2 sets of ski underwear  
1 warm bathrobe  
1 pair molded cleats strongly suggested  
1 pair of bedroom slippers  
1 pair of winter boots  
1 pair of rain boots or shoes  
1 ski jacket  
1 pair of warm-up or snow pants  
2 face cloths  
1 standard bed pillow  
1 fitted mattress pad  
2 fitted sheets  
watch  
sewing kit  
comb and brush  
toothbrush and toothpaste  
shampoo

Students should bring sports equipment and clothing which they will utilize during their three seasons of athletics.

## **Dormitory Rooms**

All boarders are required to bring a non-halogen desk lamp, wastebasket, and pillow to school. Additional suggested articles are books, games, cameras, musical instruments, tennis racket and balls, ice skates, radios, and bicycles. Students may also bring laptops but viewing DVDs in dorm rooms is prohibited. Please use suitcases, footlockers, or duffel bags for transporting personal belongings.

We ask that food (including candy) and drinks not be brought into the dorm rooms at any time. Storage boxes will be provided for personal food items, and drinks may be kept in dorm refrigerators. We offer many opportunities for special treats throughout the year, but soda or sugared drinks are not allowed in the dorm. Food delivery to the dorms is allowed if ordered by an adult.

When decorating dorm rooms, students should remember that dorms are public spaces, visited by children of all ages.

Fire regulations require that we have rules about decorations and electrical appliances in the dorm rooms.

- These appliances are *NOT* allowed in the dormitory:
  - *electric heaters*
  - *air conditioners*
  - *electric appliances (coffee makers, water heaters, frying pans, hot plates)*
  - *candles*
  - *halogen lamps*
  - *black lights*
  - *lava lamps*
- Hair dryers, clip-on lamps, and electric blankets must be unplugged when not in use.

- Posters and paper wall decorations must be considered appropriate for a K-9 school, must not cover more than 25% of wall space, and cannot be placed at the head of a bed.
- Hanging decorations must be fireproof.
- Extension cords must be no more than six feet long and of a design approved by the Deerfield Fire Department.
- Decorations and appliances which violate these guidelines or otherwise constitute a fire hazard may be confiscated.
- No one is allowed to smoke on or off campus.

### **Boarder Study Halls**

Monday through Thursday all boarding students in grades three through nine participate in a supervised, evening study hall.

## AREA RESTAURANTS

*Breakfast, Lunch, Snack or Casual Dinner:*

### **Greenfield:**

Applebee's	Kentucky Fried	Mesa Verde
Burger King	Chicken	People's Pint
China	Ko Ko's Café	Subway (3)
Gourmet	Manna House	Taco Bell
Friendly's (2)	McDonald's (2)	Taylor's Tavern
	Ninety Nine Restaurant	

### **So.**

### **Deerfield:**

Hillside Pizza  
Wolfie's  
Subway

### **Sunderland**

:  
Bub's Bar-B-Q  
Subway

### **Turners**

**Falls:**  
Shady Glen  
Subway

*Lunch, More Elegant Dinners:*

### **Amherst:**

\*Chez Albert 253-3811  
House of Teriyaki 549-3666  
\*Judie's 253-3491  
Tabella 253-0220

### **Bernardston:**

\*Bella Notte 648-9107

### **Deerfield:**

\*Deerfield Inn 774-5587

### **South Deerfield:**

\*Sienna 665-0215  
\*Chandler's Tavern 665-1277

### **Greenfield:**

Hope and Olive 774-3150

Thai Blue Ginger 772-0921

### **Holyoke:**

\*Delaney House 532-1800

### **Montague**

\*The Night Kitchen 367-9580

### **Northampton:**

East Side Grill 586-3347

Viva ! Fresh Pasta 585-5875

Paul and Elizabeth's 584-4832

Spoletto 586-6313

The Teapot 585-9308

### **Sunderland:**

\*Blue Heron 665-2102

\*Goten of Japan 665-3628

### **Turners Falls:**

\*Ristorante DiPaolo 863-4441

*\* Reservations suggested*

**AREA LODGING**

<b>Deerfield:</b> I-91 Exit 24	Deerfield Guest House	413-665-0922
	Deerfield Inn	413-774-5587 800-926-3865
	Red Roof Inn	413-665-7161
	Yellow Gable House	413-665-4922
	<b>Greenfield:</b> I-91 Exit 26	Anne's B&B
	Greenfield Inn	413-774-2211
	Hampton Inn & Suites	413-773-0057 413-774-2070
	House on the Hill	413-774-5578
	Super 8	413-774-3329
	The Brandt House	800-235-3329
<b>Millers Falls:</b> I-91 Exit 27	French King Motel	413-659-3328
<b>Northfield/Bernardston:</b> I-91 Exit 28A	Centennial House	413-498-5921
	Fox Inn	413-648-9131
<b>Northampton/Florence/Haydenville:</b> I-91 Exit 18	Hampton Inn	413-586-4851
	Hotel Northampton	413-584-3100
	Inn at Northampton	413-586-1211
	The Saltbox	413-584-1790
<b>Whately:</b> I-91 Exit 24	Hillside House	413-665-5515
	Sunny Side Farm	413-665-3113
	Whately Inn	413-665-3044

**THE BEMENT SCHOOL**  
**Main Street, Deerfield, MA 01342**

**From Springfield, Hartford, Connecticut and points south:**

Exit 24 off I-91 North. Turn right at the exit. Head north for approximately five miles and turn left at the "Historic Deerfield" sign onto Main Street. Bement is .6 of a mile on the right side of the street.

**From Vermont, New Hampshire and points north:**

Exit 25 off I-91 South. Turn left at the end of the ramp and left again on to Routes 5 and 10. Go north approximately four miles and turn left at the "Historic Deerfield" sign onto Main Street. Bement is .6 of a mile on the right side of the street.

**From Boston and Eastern Massachusetts:**

Mass Pike (I-90) west to Exit 4 and onto I-91 North. Then follow directions from Springfield.

**OR**

Route 2 west to the traffic light intersection marked "Turners Falls and Gill" (3.2 miles after the French King Bridge). Turn left at this light, cross bridge into the town of Turners Falls and continue 3.9 miles. Turn left at the Route 5 & 10 sign marked Deerfield and Northampton. Drive 1.2 miles, turn right onto Main Street at "Historic Deerfield" sign. The Bement School is .3 of a mile on the left side of the street.



**2008-2009 BEMENT SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**Thanks to Friends of Bement  
for The Family Handbook Drawings.**

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