

Computer Science Essentials Syllabus

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Course Overview

The PLTW Computer Science Essentials course A & B (Each is a Trimester duration) will introduce students to coding fundamentals through the block-based programming of apps. Students will continue to sharpen their computational thinking skills by transitioning into text-based programming side-by-side with blocks, and finally into text-based programming in the Python® programming language.

Course Objectives

In Computer Science Essentials students will create programs:

- for creative and artistic expression (Creativity)
- that solve problems you identify (Problem Solving)
- and innovations that have value to others (Innovation or Entrepreneurial Intent)

Standards of Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity, Cheating and Plagiarism: BHS is holding the students to a code of academic integrity.

Cheating is defined as, an action done by a student to supply work for another student, or turn in work, use work, or rely on work that is not their own, other than in circumstances clearly understood to involve collaborative or group learning.

Examples, but not limited to:

- Copying or attempting to copy from another student's work
- Allowing another student to copy work
- Bringing information materials, or devices to class or taking information, materials, or devices from a class.

Examples, but not limited to:

- Passages
- Pictures/illustrations
- Graphs/diagrams
- Information directly from books, magazines, newspapers, compositions, essays, internet sources the teacher or staff will investigate any discovery of alleged cheating or plagiarism. Teachers will notify parents or guardians by telephone and/or email of the violation of academic code of conduct.

Plagiarism is defined as, copying or attempting to copy another's work and claiming it as one's own.

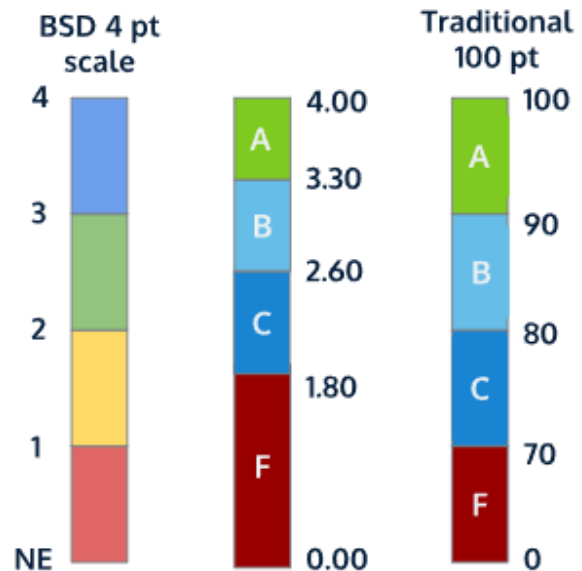
Grading Policy

Summative Assessments: 100%

Grading Scale

All Bethel Secondary Schools will be implementing a consistent overall grading scale for the 2025–26 school year based on the 4-point system.

BETHEL SCHOOLS ACADEMIC RUBRIC		
LEVEL	LABEL	DESCRIPTORS
4	ACCOMPLISHING	Student demonstrates a <u>clear</u> and <u>consistent</u> understanding and achieves the skill/concept from the standard.
3	OBTAINING	Student demonstrates an <u>understanding</u> and achieves the skill/concept from the standard.
2	DEVELOPING	Student demonstrates and achieves <u>some</u> components of the skill/concept from the standard.
1	BEGINNING	Student <u>begins</u> to demonstrate and achieve components of the skill/concept from the standard.
EX = Excused [Does not impact grade] & NE = No Evidence [Did not complete = 0 in gradebook]		



Standard Score is calculated as the MODE of summative scores for a given priority standard. If no MODE is available or less than three assignments are scored, the standard score will be calculated as the mean (average) of summative scores.

Overall Score is calculated as the MEAN or average of all calculated Standard Scores rounded to the nearest hundredth. The course grade is determined using the BSD Overall Grade Scale.

Grade	Minimum	Maximum
A	3.30	4.00
B	2.60	3.29
C	1.80	2.59
F	0	1.79

No Credit:

The NE (No Evidence) is the Progress Report grade and if an NE is still the mark @ Final Grade, it will become an F.

Assessment Retake

Students that do not demonstrate adequate progress on assessments (either a written test, or project) will be provided with retakes opportunities. Students may be required to complete a retake after school, and will need to make arrangements with the instructor. Reassessment is available up until five days before the end of the Trimester.

Make-Up Work Policy

- If a student misses class, it is up to the student to find out what they missed. All daily assignments are posted on The Daily Agenda and on Canvas with instructions and access to worksheets, videos, etc. If a student has questions about missed assignments, they should let the teacher know as soon as possible.

Cell Phone Policy (includes headphones, earbuds, airpods or any non-school device)

During classroom time, the student must have their cell phone put away where it is not visible by staff. This includes personal headphones, earbuds, airpods, or any device that has not been given by the school. If staff see any of these during classroom time, they are in violation of this policy and are subject to progressive discipline.

Parents may call 1-253-800-7000 or 1-253-800-7092 to relay emergency messages to students. Students may use the school phones at the discretion of teachers and staff.



BHS Cell Phone Policy *Student Facing Flowchart 2025-26*

"During classroom time, any personal electronic device not provided or approved by the school must be off and put away (out of sight)."

	First Offense Phone goes to teacher secure storage. Teacher contacts home via email and documents the incident. Cell Phone returned to the student at the end of class.
	Second Offense Phone goes to teacher secure storage. Teacher contacts home via phone call and documents the incident. Cell Phone returned to the student at the end of class
	Third Offense Student takes their phone to the attendance office using the Smartpass Cell Phone Jail. Phone call home immediately by Campus Safety or Administration. Cell Phone returned to the student at the end of the day.
	Fourth Offense and Beyond Student takes their phone to the attendance office using the Smartpass Cell Phone Jail. Phone call home immediately by Campus Safety or Administration. Cell Phone returned to the parent or guardian at the end of the day. Student subject to progressive discipline.

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FOCUSED IN CLASS



CELL PHONES MUST BE OFF AND AWAY DURING CLASS

WE ARE COMMITTED TO KEEPING CLASSROOMS FOCUSED AND FREE OF DISTRACTIONS.

If a student refuses to comply:

You will be given a reminder and then if you still do not comply you will be removed from the classroom and discipline will occur.

Technology Use Policy

Students in this course will have access to desktop computers connected to the Bethel School District network. All computer and internet usage is closely monitored to ensure compliance with district policies. Any misuse of school technology, including but not limited to inappropriate websites, unauthorized downloads, or tampering with settings or files, will result in disciplinary action. Consequences may include detention or suspension, depending on the severity of the offense. Responsible and ethical use of technology is expected at all times.

Computer Lab Safety

Students will receive disciplinary action for the following violations:

- Unplugging or tampering with computer cables, cords, or electrical outlets.
- Changing computer settings, backgrounds, or system configurations.
- Rolling or pushing chairs across the room.
- Consuming food or beverages at computer workstations.