



Dear Bethune Families:

September 17, 2026

We are off to a great start of the school year and hope you are seeing the benefits of our Bethune Principles that we are relentlessly teaching to our students. As a school community, we are committed to continuing the work necessary for all students to achieve academically and to serve as productive and engaged citizens beyond their experiences at Bethune. With engagement in mind, we would like to teach our students how to connect with their peers in a meaningful, safe, and most importantly a healthy way. Therefore, Bethune is implementing a **“No Touch Policy”**. This policy will prohibit the following:

❑ **Roughhousing (Play fighting or play hitting/Wrestling)**

- Roughhousing/Playfighting can turn into anger very quickly if one student accidentally hurts the other or it can turn into injury without anyone having any negative intentions

❑ **Touching/playing with another person’s hair male or female**

- Not only can this be culturally insensitive but unhealthy if someone’s hands are not clean

❑ **Carrying another student/“piggyback” rides**

- Can lead to misread or inappropriate touching as well as accidents

❑ **Spitting/Throwing food**

- This is not physical touching but is just as threatening

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have reviewed and discussed Bethune’s **No Touch Policy** with your child(ren). The student’s signature confirms their understanding that, even when intended as play, these behaviors can become unsafe, inappropriate, or threatening to others. Continuous violations of the “No Touch Policy” will be subjected to progressive discipline. We appreciate your partnership in helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and positive school environment for all students.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Dr. Michele Wilson

Interim Principal

AP Frye-Thompson

Assistant Principal

AP Evans

Assistant Principal