



Class of 2027  
&  
2028



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# Graduation Requirements

## English (4 credits)

English 9.....	1 credit
English 10.....	1 credit
English 11.....	1 credit
English 12.....	1 credit

**24 credits**  
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## Electives

Beginning Kinesiology/Athletics/ROTC/Band.....	1 credit
Career Preparedness.....	1 credit
Health.....	.5 credit
Fine Arts/Career Tech/Foreign Language.....	3 credits
Additional Electives.....	2.5 credits

## Social Studies (4 credits)

World History.....	1 credit
US History I.....	1 credit
US History II.....	1 credit
US Government.....	0.5 credit
Economics.....	0.5 credit

## Science (4 credits)

Biology.....	1 credit
Physical Science/Chemistry/Physics.....	1 credit
Additional Sciences.....	2 credits

## Math (4 credits)

Geometry with Data Analysis.....	1 credit
Algebra 1 with Probability.....	1 credit (*Accelerated Math 7 & 8 satisfies this requirement)
Algebra II with Statistics.....	1 credit
Additional Math Course .....	1 credit (or 2...if skipping Algebra 1)

# College Preparatory Distinction

To be recognized with College Preparatory Distinction at graduation, students must successfully complete a minimum of **5.5 credits** in Advanced Placement courses and earn a minimum weighted **GPA of 4.0** in all classes with **no Ds or Fs**.

AP English Language and Composition  
AP English Literature and Composition

AP Statistics  
AP Precalculus  
AP Computer Science Principles  
AP Computer Science A

AP Biology (Honors Biology and Chemistry 1 Required)  
AP Chemistry (Chemistry & Algebra II Required)  
AP Physics 1 (Geometry & Algebra II Required)  
AP Environmental Science

AP United States History  
AP Government and Politics

AP Studio Art  
AP Music Theory  
AP Psychology

# Advanced Placement (AP)

- Nationally recognized by colleges and universities
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- College-level courses (writing skills, test taking, reading expectations)
- Emphasis on self-motivation, study skills, self-directed learning
- Possibility of receiving college credit (based on your performance on the AP exam at the end of the year)
- Honors courses are a prerequisite
- All AP classes are weighted 1 point if the student takes the AP exam
- The cost for each exam is \$98



# International Baccalaureate (IB)

- Honors courses 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade
- IB courses in 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Rigorous courses designed to meet the needs of highly motivated students
- Students demonstrate a strong commitment to learning, both in the mastery of subject content and the development of skills and discipline necessary for success in a competitive world

More information at [www.daphnehs.com](http://www.daphnehs.com)

IB Coordinator: Deborah Few [dfew@bcbe.org](mailto:dfew@bcbe.org)

# IB Graduation Requirements

## English (4 credits)

Honors English 9.....	1 credit
Honors English 10.....	1 credit
IB English HL.....	2 credits

## Social Studies (4 credits)

Honors World History.....	1 credit
AP US History .....	1 credit
History of the Americas HL.....	2 credits

## Science (4 credits)

Honors Biology.....	1 credit
Chemistry.....	1 credit
IB Science HL.....	2 credits

## Foreign Language (4 credits)

Spanish 1.....	1 credit
Spanish 2.....	1 credit
Spanish 3.....	1 credit
Spanish 4.....	1 credit

## Math (4 or 5 credits)

Honors Geometry with Data Analysis.....	1 credit
Honors Algebra 1 with Probability*.....	1 credit
Honors Algebra II with Statistics.....	1 credit
IB Math SL.....	2 credits
<i>* or successful completion of grade 8 accelerated math</i>	

28 credits  
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## Electives (8 credits)

Beginning Kinesiology/Marching Band/ROTC/Athletics.....	1 credit
Career Preparedness** .....	1 credit
IB Fine Arts or Additional IB Science.....	1 credit
Theory of Knowledge.....	1 credit
Health.....	0.5 credits
Additional Electives.....	2.5 credits

# Grading Scale

A: 90-100

B: 80-89

C: 70-79

D: 60-69

F: 0-59 (no credit)



# Required Personal Financial Literacy Exam (9<sup>th</sup> grade)

During the 2023 Legislative Session, Alabama Legislature passed Act #2023-179, mandating that Alabama students entering grade 9 in the 2024-2025 academic year complete a course in personal financial literacy and earn a passing score on a personal financial literacy assessment prior to graduation. Content standards found in Career Preparedness have been reviewed by the ALSDE and approved to fulfill the instructional requirements specified in this Act. The Financial Literacy Exam will be administered to all students at the completion of the course.

# Required Civics Exam (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Alabama ACT 2017-173 requires all high school seniors to successfully complete a civics test based on the US Citizenship and Immigration Services exam in order to graduate with an Alabama High School Diploma. The purpose of the required civics test is to ensure that all Alabama students have basic knowledge of United States history, government, and geography as well as related civics rights and responsibilities. The test has 100 multiple-choice questions and will be administered during the student's required government class, which is taken in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students who do not successfully complete the exam on the first attempt must take it again.

# FAFSA Requirement

- All 12<sup>th</sup> graders must complete the FAFSA or FAFSA Waiver
- Counselors and Career Coaches help students create FSA IDs
- One Parent is required to complete an FSA ID
- FAFSA Nights are held annually for 12<sup>th</sup> graders

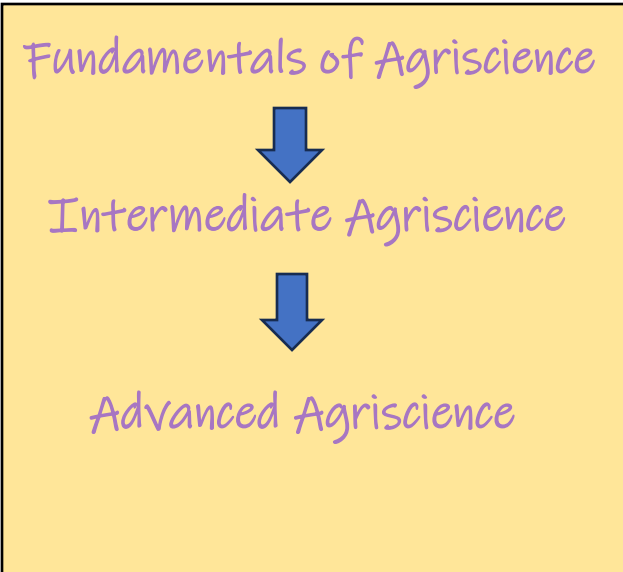
# College and Career Readiness (CCR)

## \*\*Requirement to Graduate!\*\*

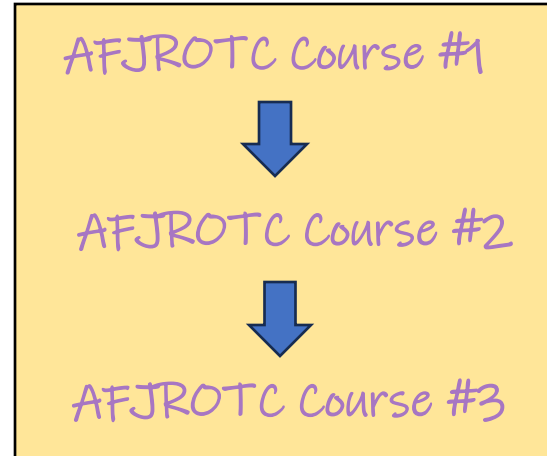
- A benchmark score in any subject area the ACT
  - 18 English
  - 22 Math
  - 22 Reading
  - 23 Science
- A qualifying score of 3 or higher on an AP exam
- A qualifying score of 4 or higher on an IB exam
- Earn college credit while in high school
- Earn a 4 or higher on all 3 parts of the ACT Workkeys Exam
- Earning a career technical industry credential
- Military enlistment
- Attaining Career and Technical Education (CTE) completer status

# CTE Completer Pathways at DHS

## General Agriculture



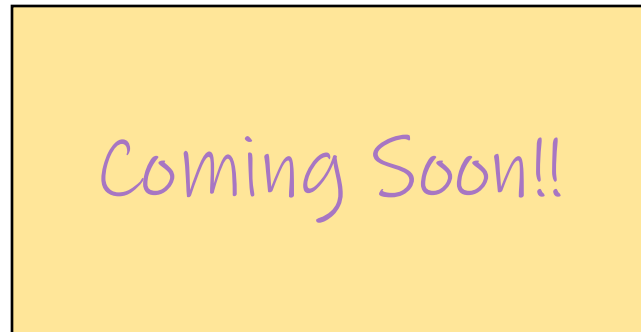
## Air Force JROTC



## Business Management



## Entertainment and Media



## Restaurant, Food and Beverage Services



# Seal of Biliteracy

- **Purpose:** To recognize students who have attained proficiency in English and one or more other World Languages by high school graduation. Biliteracy refers to having a functional level of proficiency in each language in the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing.
- **Rationale:** Provides evidence of readiness for college and career, and for engagement as a global citizen
- Included on high school transcript and diploma



# Grade Point Average

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

A grade point average (GPA) is a scale assigning a numeric value to student grades.

The **unweighted GPA** is computed by dividing the total number of grade points received by the total number of credits of course work taken.

The **weighted GPA** is designed to reflect the varying skill required for different level courses. The weighted GPA scale assigns higher quality points for grades earned in difficult courses (numerical grades remain unaffected). The weighted GPA is printed on the student transcript for the purposes of college admission and scholarship applications only.

**Weighted GPA Point Scale** adds either 0.5 or 1.0 to the quality point value for the grade earned in that course according to the following tables:

### Unweighted GPA Point Scale

Grade.....	Quality Point Value
A .....	4.0
B .....	3.0
C .....	2.0
D .....	1.0
F.....	0.0

# Course Weights

- All world language, AP, IB, and Baldwin county approved honors and academic dual enrollment courses receive weights according to the BCBE policy and procedures
- If a course is taken through ACCESS but is considered an honors course in our district, the addition weight should be awarded

**Baldwin County Course Weights**

Course Type	Add	Notes
ACCESS Courses ( <i>approved</i> )	0.5	Only ACCESS courses that are listed in the Baldwin County Honors course chart, an AP course, or a World Language course may receive a weight.
AP Courses	0.5 or 1.0	Add 0.5 if the student doesn't take the AP Exam Add 1.0 if the student does take the AP Exam
Dual Enrollment ( <i>approved</i> )	0.5	Only approved academic Baldwin County courses; academic dual enrollment only
Honors Courses	0.5	Courses listed in the Baldwin County Honors course chart
IB Courses	1.0	SL or HL courses; Theory of Knowledge
World Languages	0.5	As defined by ALSDE

# Honors or Standard?

- Honors classes are more in-depth and at a faster pace
- Meant to be challenging
- Expect more studying, time, independent work/homework
- Weighted  $\frac{1}{2}$  point
- Higher grades vs. greater challenges?
- Consider extracurricular activities, post-grad plans, and current grades!
- NO schedule changes

# GPA... let's practice!

- Bobby is taking standard classes.

English- B                  History- A                  Science- C                  Math- B

Step 1: Add the points  $\rightarrow 3 + 4 + 2 + 3 = 12$

Step 2: Divide the total by # of classes  $\rightarrow 12/4 = 3.0 \text{ GPA}$

- Betty is taking honors classes.

English- B                  History- A                  Science- C                  Math- B

Step 1: Add the points  $\rightarrow 3.5 + 4.5 + 2.5 + 3.5 = 14$

Step 2: Divide the total by # of classes  $\rightarrow 14/4 = 3.5 \text{ GPA}$

# Dual Enrollment

- Coastal Alabama Community College (CACC), University of South Alabama (USA), University of Alabama (UA), and Auburn University
- Students must be accepted into the colleges (application, GPA requirement, placement testing/ACT score etc.)
- 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Courses are one semester
- All dual enrollment classes are weighted 1/2 point
- For online courses, students will be given one class period per class to work independently on the course
- Dual enrollment Early Release Program is available to juniors and seniors that are enrolled in a face-to-face or live online dual enrollment course(s) after school

# Dual Enrollment Parent Night

January 16, 2025

6pm

DHS Library



# Electives

- **Foreign Language:** Spanish & French
- **Career Technical Education:** Business, Agriscience, ROTC, Culinary, Co-op
- **Fine Arts:** Color Guard, Marching Band, Guitar, Piano, Art, Theatre, Film, Music Engineering, Choir
- **General Electives:** Yearbook, Mythology, Psychology, Sociology, Oral Communication, ACT Prep, Creative Writing, Strength & Conditioning, Athletics, Computer Science, Math Lab, Reading Readiness

# Work-Based learning (Co-Op)

- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Students will be awarded a credit for successful completion of the course
- Can take up to 4 courses/credits of Co-op per year
- Enrollment requirements:
  - Application & Interview Required with Co-op Teacher (Attendance, Discipline, GPA considered)
  - On track to graduate
  - Confirmed employment at a local business
  - Work at least 5 hours per week for each Co-op class. Total # of hours is determined by the co-op teacher
  - Quarterly employer evaluations

# Baldwin Preparatory Academy

- Students will apply during their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year (GPA, Attendance, Discipline considered)
- **Available Programs:** Automotive Technology, Aviation, Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Cybersecurity, Graphic Design, Health Science, HVAC/Plumbing, Mechatronics Engineering Technology, Welding, Teacher
- More information at [www.baldwinprep.com](http://www.baldwinprep.com)

Rising  
11th  
Grade:  
TBA

## CALLING ALL RISING 10TH GRADERS



Career. College. Choice



# BALDWIN PREP...

## PARENT NIGHTS

Are you interested in your current 9th-grade student enrolling at Baldwin Preparatory Academy next year? Come to a parent information night! See the list for program-specific nights.

DECEMBER  
10TH 6 P.M.

Aviation  
Auto  
Mechatronics  
Construction  
HVAC  
Welding

DECEMBER  
12TH 6 P.M.

Cosmetology  
Cybersecurity  
Ad Design  
Culinary  
Teacher Cadet  
Health Science



MAKEUP NIGHT:  
ALL PROGRAMS, DECEMBER 17TH 6 P.M.

# ALSDE Approved Math Pathways





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<b>Algebra I with Probability Options</b> ( <a href="#">2019 Alabama Math Course of Study</a> , p. 187-188)					
<b>Option Type</b>	<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>Grade 9</b>	<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>Grade 12</b>
<b>Take Algebra I with Probability in grade 10</b>	Grade 8 Accelerated Math <u>OR</u> Grade 8 Math	Geometry with Data Analysis	Algebra I with Probability	Algebra II with Statistics	Additional Math Course
<b>Take Algebra I <u>and</u> Geometry Concurrently in grade 9</b>	Grade 8 Accelerated Math <u>OR</u> Grade 8 Math	Geometry with Data <u>AND</u> Algebra I with Probability	Algebra II with Statistics	Additional Math Course	Additional Math Course
<b>Skip Algebra I with Probability*</b>	Grade 8 Accelerated Math	Geometry with Data Analysis	Algebra II with Statistics	Additional Math Course	Additional Math Course

*\*Students are only allowed to skip Algebra I with Probability if they have successfully completed Grade 7 Accelerated Math and Grade 8 Accelerated Math.*



# Course Selection Timeline

## FEBRUARY

- Counselors meet with students in large groups
- Students complete course selections on a Google Form
- Paper copy of course selections sent home for Parent Signature

## MARCH

- Individual Student Meetings

## APRIL

- Drop/Add period

**\*\*No schedule changes are permitted after the Drop/Add Period\*\***

# Mini-College Fairs

## ON CAMPUS COLLEGE FAIR DATES

**September 11th** - Library (10:30-12:30)

**October 9th** - Library (10:30-12:30)

**November 13th** - Library (10:30-12:30)

**December 11th** - Library (10:30-12:30)

**February 12th** - Library (10:30-12:30)

**February 27th** - Trojan Hall (1:30-3:00)

**March 12th** - Library (10:30-12:30)

**April 9th** - Library (10:30-12:30)

**MILITARY RECRUITERS WILL ALSO ATTEND  
EACH FAIR!**