



Class of 2026



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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
- 11th & 12th 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

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 History1 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
** or successful completion of grade 8 accelerated math*

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 Civics Exam (12th 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 12th grade. Students who do not successfully complete the exam on the first attempt must take it again.

FAFSA Requirement

- All 12th 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 12th 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

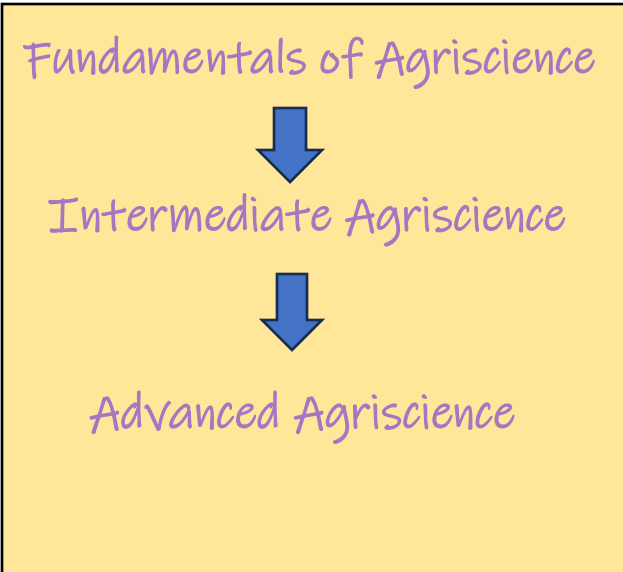
ACT Fee Waivers

- To apply for the [ACT fee waiver program](#), you must meet the following eligibility requirements:
- Be currently enrolled in high school in the 11th or 12th grade
- Be testing in the United States, US territories, or Puerto Rico
- Meet one or more of the indicators of economic need listed below:
 - Enrolled in a federal free or reduced-price lunch program at school, based on US Department of Agriculture (USDA) income levels.
 - Enrolled in a program for the economically disadvantaged (for example, a federally funded program such as GEAR UP or Upward Bound). *Note: If the student participates in a program, but is not economically disadvantaged, they are not eligible for a fee waiver.*
 - Resides in a foster home, is a ward of the state, or is homeless.
 - Family receives low-income public assistance or lives in federally subsidized public housing.
 - Family's total annual income is at or below USDA levels for free or reduced-price lunches on the USDA Food and Nutrition Service website.

****Students can send their ACT scores to up to 6 colleges****

CTE Completer Pathways at DHS

General Agriculture



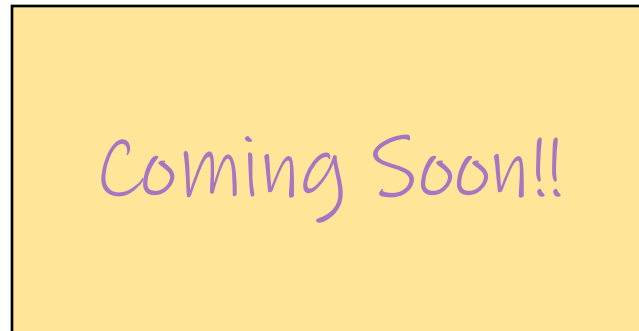
Air Force JROTC



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

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.)
- 10th-12th 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)

- 11th & 12th 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

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!**

College Visit Days: Excused Absences

- 1 day allowed for 11th grade
- 2 days allowed for 12th grade
- Must be Pre-Approved (forms available in front office or counselor's office)

Planning for Careers

- Utilities Internship
- FAME Built By Baldwin
- ASVAB