



Elberta High School Home of the Warriors!



*Creating Success Without Limits.
Where YOU Matter!*

2024-2025
9th Grade Parent Information Night

Elberta High School Warriors



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Graduation Requirements

Students MUST have **24 credits*** to graduate high school.

1 year long class = 1 credit

- **English-** Regular, Honors, or AP (*4 credits*)
- **Math-** Regular, Honors, or AP (*4 credits*)
- **Social Studies-** Regular, Honors, or AP (*4 credits*)
- **Science-** Regular, Honors, or AP (*4 credits*)- Biology & Physical Science must be included
- **Health** (*0.5 credit*)
- **Kinesiology** (*1 credit*)
- **Career Prep** (*1 credit*)
- **CTE, Foreign Language, or Fine Arts** (*3 credits in this category*)
- **Electives** (*2.5 credits*)

* If you do not earn one of these specific credits, you will not graduate unless you come to Summer School to make-up the credits.



What Should my Child Choose?

Breaking Down:

- Honors
- AP (Advanced Placement)
- Dual Enrollment



What is Honors?

- Honors classes are more rigorous and they are designed to prepare students to take AP and Dual Enrollment courses. You can think of them as a “Pre-AP” course.
- The curriculum moves along faster and dives deeper into the standards being taught. There will be more homework, research, and writing assignments in an Honors class.
- A 0.5 weight is added to your child’s grade point average at the end of the school year (Weighted GPA).

Students who desire to go to college after high school need to take these more rigorous level courses!! They lay the groundwork in helping your child prepare for college.

AP Courses (Advanced Placement)

**The most rigorous classes offered at
EHS!**

- College –level classes that could award College Credit depending on how students score on the AP exams.

- A full 1-point is added to your child's GPA at the end of the school year (Weighted GPA).

**College Preparatory Distinction
Requirements
(5 ½ credits of AP classes and
maintain a 4.0 weighted GPA in
all classes).**

AP World History
(9th grade)

AP US History
(11th grade)

AP Government
(12th grade)

AP Biology
(11th or 12th grade)

AP Chemistry
(11th or 12th grade)

AP Art
(11th or 12th grade)

AP Computer
Science
(11th or 12th grade)

AP Psychology
(11th or 12th grade)

AP Calculus
(12th grade)

AP Literature
(12th grade)

AP Language and
Composition
(11th grade)

AP PreCalculus
(11th or 12th grade)



Dual Enrollment classes are college classes that students take in high school. The Baldwin County School District partners with Coastal Community College, University of Alabama, University of South Alabama, & Auburn University to offer dual enrollment classes.



Students who successfully complete a dual enrollment class earn both College and High School credit. A 0.5 weight is added to their GPA at the end of the school year (Weighted GPA).



Dual Enrollment course options will become available for students going into 10th grade.

Dual Enrollment

Giesell Mansi, Career Coach from Coastal Alabama Community College

- Available to meet with students weekly.
- Facilitates Dual Enrollment opportunities beginning in 10th grade.
- Guides students based on interests.

9th Grade Schedule

- English 9 (Regular or Honors)
- World History or AP World History
- Biology (Regular or Honors)
- Geometry (Regular or Honors)
 - - Optional: Algebra I (Regular or Honors)
- Career Prep or JROTC
- Beginning Kinesiology or Color Guard or Marching Band or JROTC or Varsity Sport
- Elective
- Academic Focus (Skinny Period)

Students in Middle School Accelerated Math

- Students who **successfully** complete **Grade 8 Accelerated Math** can bypass Algebra I at the high school, but they **DO NOT** earn an Algebra I credit. Students who decide to bypass Algebra I are still required to earn at least four math credits. **The motivation to bypass Algebra I should be to take more advanced math or science courses.** Grade 8 Accelerated Math does not earn a high school credit.
- Students who successfully complete Grade 8 Accelerated Math may choose to take Algebra I in the 10th grade.
- *All students* have the option to take Geometry and Algebra I concurrently in order to take additional math courses. **The motivation to double-up in math in 9th grade should be to take more advanced math or science courses 11th & 12th grade year.**

Helpful Information for Science Classes in High School:

Our level of math classes also correlate with the level of our science classes. Students can take the highest rigor science classes (AP Biology & AP Chemistry) if they double-up in math their 9th grade year or bypass Algebra 1 after successfully completing accelerated math in the 8th grade. Students must have an Algebra 1 credit or must have bypassed Algebra 1 for them to take Chemistry in the 10th grade. Chemistry is the gateway to upper-level science classes in high school!

College and Career Readiness Credential (CCR)

Every student must earn at least one CCR credential before graduation. This is a Graduation Requirement!!

How do you earn a CCR credential?

OPTIONS:

- Take a Career Technical Education class like Agriscience, Family and Consumer Science, or Business Marketing
- Complete an entire sequence of Career Technical Classes (Ag, FACS, or Marketing)
- Complete 3 years in JROTC
- Benchmark on the ACT in one (or more) content areas.
- Take a Dual Enrollment class (Academic or Tech School courses)
- Earn a 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement (AP) exam
- Take the Workkeys exam your 12th grade year and earn a 4 or higher

Helpful information

Testing

CERT Test- Given 3 times per school year (Fall, Winter, Spring)

STAR Test- Given 3 times per school year (Fall, Winter, Spring)

PreACT- 10th Graders take in the Fall

ACT- All 11th Grade students take in the Spring

GPA and Transcripts

GPA = Grade Point Average

A = 4.0 GPA

B = 3.0 GPA

C = 2.0 GPA

D = 1.0 GPA

Transcripts are records of all credits earned in high school (9th – 12th Grade). If you fail classes, those failing class are included on your transcript and they negatively affect your GPA.

Transcripts are just one of the documents that colleges look at to make decisions on who they accept. **YOUR 9TH GRADE YEAR MATTERS!!** The grades you earn in 9th grade are on your transcript that colleges will receive your 12th grade year.

Honors, AP, Dual Enrollment, and Foreign Language classes earn a “weighted” GPA. Students get a bump in their GPA’s because they are taking courses with more rigor.

Helpful information

- Colleges look at your GPA when you apply, but they also want to see rigor (Honors courses, AP classes, etc). Colleges want to see that you are CHALLENGING yourself!!
- Many scholarships ask how many advanced level classes you have taken. Scholarships are based on GPA's, test scores, and participation in extracurricular activities.
- Get Involved!! Join a club, the band, a sports team-- Research shows that students who are involved in high school are more likely to graduate!

Where do we go from here?



Finish your 8th grade year strong— Do your best on the ACAP and end of year STAR test. We go off these scores to determine which Academic Focus to put you in.



Be Responsible- Do your homework, Study, and Be at school.
Passing each of your classes is critical if you want to graduate in 2028!!



Get Involved- Join a club, sport, the Band, or JROTC- Students who are involved in extracurriculars are more likely to GRADUATE!



Course Selection forms went home last week. I will be visiting schools again this week to collect those forms. I have extra copies on the table as you leave.

9th Grade Course Selection 2024-2025

Signed Form Due:

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Credit	English (Circle One)	Career Prep- All 9 th grade students are required to take this class unless JROTC is chosen as an Elective Option.
1.0	English 9	<p>*ALL students must take Geometry in 9th grade. Students have the option to also take Algebra 1 their 9th grade year. This would allow them to take 2 Math class in the 9th grade for the purpose of taking higher level math courses later on in high school.</p> <p>Students who SUCCESSFULLY completed 7th grade Accelerated Math AND 8th grade Accelerated Math have the option to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bypass Algebra 1- Students DO NOT receive credit for Algebra 1, but still need to complete 4 math credits to fulfill graduation requirements. This means they would take Geometry in 9th grade and jump to Algebra 2 in 10th grade. Take Algebra 1 in 9th grade or 10th grade. <p>**AP stands for Advanced Placement. This is a rigorous college level course where your child will have the opportunity to earn College credit AND high school credit. This class also gives students a weighted (or bonus points) on their GPA due to the rigor. An application is required for students to take AP classes.</p>
1.0	Honors English 9	
Credit	Mathematics (Circle One)	
1.0	Geometry (Must take in 9 th grade)	
1.0	Honors Geometry	
1.0	*Honors Algebra 1 (Optional for ALL 9 th grad students. This class will take up an Elective period.)	
Credit	Science (Circle One)	
1.0	Biology	
1.0	Honors Biology	
Credit	Social Studies (Circle One)	
1.0	World History	
1.0	**AP World History (app req)	
Credit	Electives	
1.0	Beginning Kinesiology/PE	
1.0	JROTC 1	
1.0	Marching Band	
1.0	Percussion	
1.0	Color Guard	
# Your Top 3 Choices	CTE/Foreign Language/ Art Electives	
	Family & Consumer Science (CTE) *Credentialing class*	
	Fundamentals of Agriscience (CTE) *Credentialing class*	
	Digital Marketing (CTE) *Credentialing class*	
	Visual Arts 1 (Art)	
	Spanish 1 (Foreign Lang.)	
	Jazz Band (Art)	
	Theater (Art)	
	Guitar (Art)	
	Piano (Art)	
	Music/Media Appreciation (Art)	

JROTC PROGRAM

"We will instill in our Cadets the values of Honor, Courage, Commitment and Service-Above-Self. We will foster a deep appreciation for learning and we will create an environment that develops strong minds and bodies. Robertsdale Navy JROTC will be an example of excellence in our school through the development of high quality leadership and personal responsibility in our organization, our school and our community."



Baldwin Preparatory Academy

At the end of 9th grade, students can apply to attend Baldwin Preparatory Academy to take courses in programs to help them prepare for the future. These programs are free for high school students. Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA to be accepted.

- Welding
- Health Science
- Culinary Arts
- Automotive Technician
- Cosmetology
- Teaching
- Building Construction
- Building Maintenance
- Marine Technician
- Cyber Security
- Mechatronics

Thank you for attending!
We look forward to having your
child with us next school year.