

# Elberta High School

9<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Information

# Welcome, Class of 2024 Parents!!

- Welcome: Ms. Alms
- Introductions
  - Ms. Robinson
  - Ms. Ornellas
  - Mr. Starr
- Academic Guide
  - Diploma Change - Only ONE to choose from!
  - What do colleges/post secondary programs want to see?
  - Course Options for 2020-21 School Year
- High School Vs Middle School

# Career Coach, Coastal College

- To Be Announced
  - Available to meet with students weekly
  - Begins important conversations in 9<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Facilitates with Dual Enrollment opportunities
  - Guides students based on interest
  - Creates Job Shadowing opportunities in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade

# Academic Guide

## HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC GUIDE

*Course Descriptions*



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**BALDWIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
*Building Excellence*

Class of 2023

*Issued 2019*

**DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT**

# Diploma Requirements (See Handout)

## ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Applies to students entering 9th grade in 2019-2020 academic year and thereafter.

### 24 Credits Required for Graduation

<b>English</b> .....	<b>4 credits</b>
English 9 or Honors English 9 .....	1
English 10 or Honors English 10 .....	1
English 11 or Honors English 11 or AP English Language and Composition or approved dual enrollment equivalent .....	1
English 12 or Honors English 12 or AP English Literature and Composition or approved dual enrollment equivalent .....	1
<b>Mathematics</b> .....	<b>4 credits</b>
Algebra I or Honors Algebra I .....	1
Geometry or Honors Geometry .....	1
Algebra II with Trigonometry or Algebra II or Algebra with Finance .....	1
<i>plus</i>	
<b>Select an additional course from the following to meet the remaining mathematics credit requirement:</b>	
Algebraic Connections ( <i>must be taken after Geometry and before Algebra II/Algebra II with Trig/Algebra with Finance</i> ) .....	1
Analytical Mathematics .....	1
Discrete Mathematics .....	1
Precalculus .....	1
AP Calculus AB/BC .....	1
AP Statistics .....	1
AP Computer Science Principles .....	1
AP Computer Science A .....	1
Or approved SDE/CTE/AP/IB/dual enrollment equivalent course .....	1
<b>Science</b> .....	<b>4 credits</b>
Biology or Honors Biology .....	1
A physical science course (either Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics) .....	1
<i>plus</i>	
<b>Select two additional courses from the following to meet the remaining 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> science credit requirements:</b>	
Physical Science .....	1
Chemistry .....	1
Physics .....	1
Human Anatomy and Physiology .....	1
Earth and Space Science .....	1
Environmental Science .....	1
*Marine Science or Honors Marine Science .....	1
*Zoology or Honors Zoology .....	1
*Aquascience .....	1
AP Biology .....	1
AP Chemistry .....	1
AP Physics I .....	1
AP Physics II .....	1
AP Physics C: Mechanics (.5) and AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism (.5) .....	1
AP Environmental Science .....	1
Or approved SDE/CTE/AP/IB/dual enrollment equivalent course .....	1
<b>Social Studies</b> .....	<b>4 credits</b>
World History or Honors World History or AP World History .....	1
U.S. History I or Honors U.S. History I or *AP European History or *AP Human Geography or approved dual enrollment equivalent .....	1
U.S. History II or Honors U.S. History II or AP US History ( <i>required if student earned credit for AP European History or AP Human Geography</i> ) or approved dual enrollment equivalent .....	1
U.S. Government or Honors U.S. Government or AP Government and Politics or approved dual enrollment equivalent ** .....	0.5
Economics or Honors Economics .....	0.5

# Standard Requirements for Graduation

- English (4) Regular, Honors, AP
- Math (4) Regular, Honors, AP
- Social Studies (4) Regular, Honors, AP
- Science (4) Regular, Honors, AP - Biology and Physical Science must be included
- Health - ½
- PE - 1
- CTE, Foreign Language or Fine Arts - 3 in this category
- Career Preparedness
- Electives 2.5
  - 24 credits!! - If a student does not earn one of these credits, he/she will not graduate.

# DRAFT - ALABAMA COURSE OF STUDY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE ) \*In Effect 2021-2022

**Grades 9-12 Overview**

Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<i>Grade 7 Mathematics</i>	<i>Grade 8 Mathematics</i>	<i>Geometry with Data Analysis</i>	<i>Algebra I with Probability</i>	<i>Algebra II with Statistics</i>	Specialized course
<i>Grade 7 Mathematics OR Accelerated Grade 7 Mathematics</i>	<i>Grade 8 Mathematics</i>	<i>Geometry with Data Analysis AND Algebra I with Probability (concurrently)</i>	<i>Algebra II with Statistics</i>	<i>Precalculus</i>	<i>AP Calculus OR Additional specialized course</i>
				<i>Mathematical Modeling OR Applications of Finite Mathematics</i>	<i>Precalculus OR Other additional specialized course</i>
<i>Accelerated Grade 7 Mathematics</i>	<i>Accelerated Grade 8 Mathematics</i>	<i>Geometry with Data Analysis</i>	<i>Algebra II with Statistics</i>	<i>Precalculus</i>	<i>AP Calculus OR Additional specialized course</i>
				<i>Mathematical Modeling OR Applications of Finite Mathematics</i>	<i>Precalculus OR Other additional specialized course</i>
<i>Accelerated Grade 7 Mathematics</i>	<i>Grade 8 Mathematics OR Accelerated Grade 8 Mathematics</i>	<i>Geometry with Data Analysis</i>	<i>Algebra I with Probability</i>	<i>Algebra II with Statistics</i>	Specialized course

See Appendix E for an exhaustive list of course pathways. In addition, see the figure in Appendix B which shows how each pathway connects with postsecondary options.

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

- 1. English 9 (Regular or Honors)
- 2. World History or Honors World History
- 3. Biology or Honors Biology
- 4. Geometry with Data Analysis
- 5. Career Preparedness or JROTC (2 periods)
- 6. PE Life or Color Guard or Band or JROTC (2 periods)
- 7. Elective
- 8. (Academic Focus-Skinny Block)



# Course Selection Sheet

## Important to Sign and Return

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Sheet – Class of 2024 (Revised 1/13/20)

Student "Official" Name \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Circle) Elberta Summerdale Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Circle ONE in each box below

Algebra 1  
 Honors Geometry (Must have Algebra 1 credit)  
 Algebra I/Geometry Math Block (2 periods)

English 9 (OR)  
 English 9 Honors

World History (OR)  
 Honors World History

Biology (OR)  
 Honors Biology

Students will also complete **Career Preparedness** unless they select ROTC as an elective to the right

*Electives—Students should rank their electives 1-3 with #1 being the class they most desire. Understand that the electives listed may not be offered. Further, core classes are essential to graduation and scheduled first and electives are scheduled based on enrollment and fit. We will make every effort to schedule you into your desired electives but understand that many times this simply is not possible!*



**WARRIOR PROUD! WARRIOR STRONG!**

Select ONE below to fulfill the required PE/Life elective

PE/Life (OR)  
 ROTC—Will require student to be off campus for 2 periods each day  
 Marching Band  
 Color Guard (Tryout Required)

List any EHS sport(s) you plan to play on lines below

\_\_\_\_\_

*Currently Band/Color Guard, and Athletics fulfill PE/Life requirement, but this is determined yearly via waiver from ALSDE*

#### Electives/Alternates

Rank 1-5 with #1 being the one you most prefer!

- \_\_\_\_\_ Family & Consumer Science\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fundamentals of Agri-science\*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish
- \_\_\_\_\_ Art 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ Media Art (Digital Design)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jazz Band
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yearbook
- \_\_\_\_\_ Oral Communication
- \_\_\_\_\_ Peer Helpers (Application)

\*Pre-requisite for Food, Wellness and Dietetics Career Technical Cluster

\*\*Pre-requisite for General Agri-science Career Technical Cluster

# Junior ROTC

- Elberta High School has a “Cross-Town Agreement” to Partner with Robertsdale High School
- Students attend first 2 periods of the day.
  - JROTC students earn Career Prep credit in 9<sup>th</sup> grade
  - PE Life credit if ROTC continued in 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- Our first two years have been a huge success
- Something for all students involved
  - Multiple Competitive Opportunities
- Officer Starr is available to answer questions after the presentation.

# Colleges Look For...

- 1. ACT Score
- 2 . Grade Point Average (GPA)
- 3. Transcript

# College Preparatory Distinction Requirements

- 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, cumulative GPA of 4.0+ in all classes with no D's or F's.
- Course offerings may vary by campus.
- When selecting classes, consideration should be given to the student's future goals and the specific requirements for universities, the military, NCAA, etc. (For example, although foreign language and Algebra II with Trig are not required for the Alabama High School Diploma, some higher education programs may require these courses for admission to their specific programs. Also, some colleges have specific admission requirements related to core subjects and may not accept substitute courses approved by the Alabama State Department of Education.) Students and parents must check the requirements of any programs they plan to pursue in the future.

# ACADEMIC HONOR DESIGNATIONS

Academic Honor designations:

Summa Cum Laude (4.0)

Magna Cum Laude (3.75 to 3.99)

Cum Laude 3.50 to 3.749

Students who earn a D or F in any course will not be eligible to receive academic honors.

# What Now?

- Finish 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Strong
  - Focus:
    - Grades
    - Attendance
    - Test Scores
  - Elberta Middle School: Course Selection Sheets will be completed in Mr. Akins' room on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please return with parent signature by Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Summerdale School: Course Selection Sheets will be completed on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Please return with parent signature by Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

# PLAN TO GET INVOLVED! STUDIES SHOW GREATER SUCCESS IN HIGH SCHOOL WHEN STUDENTS HAVE A “WHY” !

- Clubs
  - Scholar’s Bowl
  - Yearbook
  - Peer Helpers
  - Jr. Optimist Club
  - Student Government Association
  - FCCLA
  - TSA
  - JROTC
  - Fellowship of Christian Athletes
  - Art Club
  - Honor Society
- Band
- Athletics

# Athletic Eligibility

- In order to be enrolled in ANY athletic course or to play any sport, students must earn four core credits per year, and have a 2.0 GPA in the four core classes plus 2 electives.
- Core classes are math, science, history and English.
- One class passed = one credit earned.



# No Schedule Changes after the First Week of School

- Please communicate with your freshman and encourage them to choose their classes wisely.
- Schedule changes affect class size distribution and can negatively affect earning the needed credits in a class.
- Student schedule changes are only made in extreme situations as the master schedule is built from student requests.
- Absolutely no schedule changes can be made after first week of school.
- Please notify me of any concerns BEFORE school starts if possible.

# We are here for you!

- Our MAIN GOAL: To arrive in 2024 - eligible to GRADUATE!
- Please contact Ms. Alms, Ms. Ornellas, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Glassford, or Ms. Robinson if you have any questions or concerns.
- We are Warrior Proud! Warrior Strong!
- And, we are here to help your child be prepared for the world beyond EHS.