Note: Always check the NCAA website for the latest in athletic eligibility requirements: http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?key=/ncaa/ncaa/legislation+and+governance/eligibility+and+recruiting

The Baldwin County Board of Education recognizes the value of all extracurricular activities as they relate to the total education of students. The Baldwin County Board of Education also recognizes and supports high academic standards and the necessity of developing a framework to assess each student involved in extracurricular activities and his/her progress toward graduating from high school on schedule with his/her class. The Board of Education also recognizes that the Class of 2000 and subsequent classes will be required by the State Board of Education resolution and Alabama Administrative Code to earn a minimum of 24 credits in Grades 9-12, with four (4) credits each in science, mathematics, social studies, and English.

Definitions

1. Extracurricular activities associated with athletics are defined as those recognized and sanctioned by the Alabama High School Athletic Association, and other extracurricular activities are defined as those that are sanctioned by a public school which are not related to a student's academic requirements or success in a course(s).

2. Regular curricular activities are defined as those that are required for satisfactory course completion.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Students entering Grades 10-12 must, for the last two semesters/terms of attendance and summer school, if applicable, have a passing grade and earn the appropriate number of credits in each of six (6) subjects that total six (6) Carnegie units of credit, including four (4) credits from the four (4) core subjects composed of English, science, social studies, and mathematics with a composite numerical average of 70. Students entering Grades 8 and 9 must, for the last two semesters/terms of attendance and summer school, if applicable, have a passing grade in five (5) subjects with a composite numerical average of 70 with all other rules applying the same as to students in Grades 9-12. Students promoted to the seventh grade for the first time are eligible.

2. Physical education may count as only one (1) unit per year.

3. No more than two (2) Carnegie units may be made up during summer school. If a unit(s) or subject(s) is repeated in summer school, the higher numerical grade for the unit(s) or subject(s) may be used to compute the composite grade average.

4. A student who is eligible at the start of the academic year remains eligible for the entire academic year. Students deemed ineligible at the beginning of the school year by virtue of having failed to meet the requirements outlined in eligibility requirement number 1 above may regain their eligibility at the end of the first semester by meeting the requirements for eligibility in the two most recently completed semesters/terms, including summer school. Eligibility restoration must be determined no later than five (5) school days after the beginning of the succeeding semester.

Note: Unit calculations for regaining eligibility at the end of the first semester/term may not coincide exactly with units for graduation for students in schools on six – or seven-period days.

5. An ineligible student may not become eligible after the fifth school day of each semester/term. Bona fide transfers may be dealt with according to rules of the Alabama High School Athletic Association for sports and rules to be developed by each local board of education as they pertain to other extracurricular activities.

6. Each eligible student entering Grades 10-12 must have a minimum composite numerical average of 70 and a minimum of six (6) Carnegie units from the preceding year, including summer school. Summer school work passed may substitute for regular schoolwork repeated in computing the 70 average.
7. Each eligible student involved in athletics must meet the definition of a regular student as defined by the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

8. Any student who earns more than four (4) credits in the core curriculum in any given year or who accumulates a total in excess of the required four (4) per year may be exempt from earning the four (4) core courses in the succeeding year as long as that student remains on schedule for graduation with his/her class.

The Baldwin County Board of Education also recognizes and supports the Alabama High School Athletic Association guidelines in regards to the Academics First Policy.

**Participation Requirements**

1. Any student who earns more than four (4) credits in the core curriculum in any given year or who accumulates a total in excess of the required four (4) per year may be exempt from earning the four (4) core courses in the succeeding year as long as that student remains on schedule for graduation with his/her class by earning eight (8) core credits over any two-year span, including summer school.

2. Each request for full participation by all students, regardless of academic standing, in a curricular activity shall be granted if the principal, superintendent, and the local board of education approve participation in the activity as an extension of a course(s) requirement(s) and it is an event sanctioned by a state/national subject matter association.

3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this regulation, activities offered by the school through math, science, band, choral music, and other courses at events such as athletic events (pre-game, game, halftime, or other breaks), clubs conventions, parades, amusement park trips and competitions, trips by tour companies, performances at various meetings, etc., are extracurricular, and students academically ineligible under this policy shall not be allowed to participate.

4. Decisions on a student’s participation in extracurricular activities should be consistent with the requirements found in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (1997) and its implementing regulations, both federal and state, as well as Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 if the student is identified as eligible under these statues, rules, and regulations, and such participation is determined to be appropriate.