The Baldwin County School System is committed to ensuring that every student stays on-track to graduate from high school.

BEFORE you decide to dropout consider the following:

- Dropouts are more likely than high school graduates to be unemployed, in poor health, living in poverty, on public assistance, and single parents of children who drop out of high school.

- The majority of students who drop out of school intending to get their GED, never complete the GED program. GED exit tests are equivalent to a 12th grade test.

- The average annual income for a high school dropout is $17,299.00. College graduates earn an average of $1 million more over a lifetime than do high school graduates.

- Dropouts are more than eight times as likely to be in jail or in prison than are high school graduates.

- Close to one third to one half of 18-24 year olds who have dropped out of school are simply idle, neither in the labor force nor participating in educational programs.

Things you can do NOW to stay in school:

- Meet with your parents/guardian and counselor to create a plan for graduation. Your counselor will work with you concerning programs and services to help you stay on track for graduation. Ask about:
  - Diploma Options
  - Credit Recovery
  - Tutoring Programs
  - Mentoring Programs
  - SUCCESS Career Planning
  - [http://alcareerinfo.org](http://alcareerinfo.org)
  - Career Cruising
  - Co-op Programs
  - Dual Enrollment
  - Prep Assistance Programs
  - Early Release Program
  - IMPACT Program
  - Attendance Appeal Process
  - TAP (Teens as Parents) Program
  - Parent Project®

For further assistance, contact Rhonda Cotten, Baldwin County Dropout Prevention Supervisor at 970-4415. Together we can work this out!