GOAL Program
GRADUATION through ONLINE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING

Eligible Students

- Students who have dropped out of a Baldwin County high school and have not enrolled or attended another school and can complete graduation requirements by the end of age nineteen (19). Provided, however, students qualifying as “exceptional children” under applicable state and federal law may be eligible for educational services until the age of twenty-one (21) years.

- Students expelled from a Baldwin County high school who are recommended for the program by the Baldwin County Expulsion Committee. Students who are denied admission to the Baldwin County Alternative School but participating in the GOAL program will not be permitted to transition back to the base school. Students in this category will be expected to complete their graduation plan through the GOAL program.

- Students enrolled in a Baldwin County high school who will meet all high school graduation requirements by the end of age nineteen (19) and who due to life events are unable to complete graduation requirements in a traditional high school setting. Provided, however, students qualifying as “exceptional children” under applicable state and federal law may be eligible for educational services until the age of twenty-one (21) years.

Enrollment

Parents of students interested in enrolling in the GOAL program should complete the GOAL Application for Enrollment and submit it to the GOAL facilitator at the student’s base school. Following a review of the Application for Enrollment, the GOAL facilitator will schedule a conference with the applicant and his/her parent/guardian to discuss details of the program. If the student and parent opt to participate in the GOAL program, then a school counselor will complete the school portion of the GOAL Application for Enrollment. The GOAL facilitator will confer with the counselor and principal or his/her designee to evaluate the application and determine eligibility for the program. The GOAL facilitator will inform the student and parent/guardian of the student’s eligibility for the program. Students admitted to the GOAL program will also be notified of the date, time and location of the orientation session they are required to attend. Both the student and parent must attend orientation.

New students are permitted to begin the GOAL program anytime during the regular school year if ACCESS can accommodate the course(s) requested. The GOAL program follows the Baldwin County School calendar.

Location, Schedule, and Attendance:
Location: Base High School

Schedule: Date and time varies by location. Contact the GOAL facilitator at the base school for specific location and schedule information.

Attendance: Students are required to attend class as dictated by the base school principal and GOAL facilitator. Students who do not attend GOAL as required will be marked absent in accordance with Baldwin County Public Schools’ attendance policies. Students who have an excused absence from GOAL should provide a written excuse to the GOAL facilitator within three business days of the absence. Unexcused absences will be recorded in the student’s attendance record and will be reported to attendance officers. Students who accumulate ten unexcused absences or who are withdrawn from their ACCESS classes due to inactivity will immediately be removed from the GOAL program.
**Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment**
The GOAL program utilizes ACCESS online curriculum. ACCESS classes are aligned with the Alabama State Department of Education Courses of Study and are taught by certified teachers.

**All tests** in a student’s ACCESS course(s) must be taken **on campus** in the presence of the GOAL facilitator. Students are **required** to complete the assessment log for each test taken. A zero will be assigned to any test taken outside of the parameters of the aforementioned procedures.

Students are required to participate in all state assessments given on the base school campus. Students are required to adhere to the assessment schedule as communicated by the base school.

**Technology**
GOAL students, with the exception of expelled students, will participate in the one-to-one technology program. Students participating in the one-to-one program will pay for laptop insurance at their base school and complete the required laptop orientation at their base school. Laptops will be issued by the base school.

All students will need regular, daily access to the internet in order to complete their online courses.

**Program Management and Support Services**
The GOAL facilitator will provide support services to students participating in the program. The GOAL facilitator will manage the student enrollment process and ACCESS registration. The GOAL facilitator will monitor student performance, provide tutoring, proctor exams, and complete all other tasks associated with program implementation. The facilitator will also regularly communicate with ACCESS teachers, base school counselors, base school administrators, the Secondary Curriculum Coordinator, the student and his or her parent/guardian regarding the student’s progress and performance.

**Academic Intervention**
In order to be successful in the GOAL program, students must maintain adequate course progress and passing grades. Should a student fall behind in course progress and/or grades, he/she will be placed on Academic Intervention to ensure that he/she receives the assistance that he/she needs to earn a high school diploma.

Students on Academic Intervention are required to report to GOAL for an increased minimum number of face-to-face sessions per week. These required days of attendance will be used to help the student make progress in his/her course(s) and to help him/her work toward improving his/her grades. The specific schedule for Academic Intervention will be provided by the GOAL facilitator. Once the student has made adequate progress in his/her course(s) and has earned a passing grade in his/her course(s), then he/she will be removed from the Academic Intervention and will be permitted to attend GOAL as before.

It is important to note that students who do not attend GOAL as required will be marked **absent** in accordance with Baldwin County Public Schools’ attendance policies. Students who have an **excused absence** from GOAL should provide a written excuse to the GOAL facilitator within three business days of the absence. **Unexcused absences** will be recorded in the student’s attendance record and will be reported to attendance officers. Students who accumulate ten **unexcused absences** or who are withdrawn from their ACCESS classes due to inactivity will immediately be removed from the GOAL program.
Transportation
Transportation is the responsibility of the student. With principal permission, students are permitted to drive on campus, but the student must adhere to all school system and campus transportation/vehicle use regulations.

Extra-curricular Activities and Athletics
Students approved to participate in the GOAL program are not permitted to participate in any on-campus and/or off-campus extra-curricular sports, programs, events, and/or activities.

Courses completed in the GOAL program may not qualify for Alabama High School Athletic Association and/or NCAA approval.

Transcript
All student records and grades assigned during the program will be compiled and sent to the senior counselor and registrar to be placed on the student’s official transcript.

Diploma and Graduation
Students who complete all requirements for graduation will be awarded a high school diploma from their base school. The graduation date on the diploma will be consistent with the date that the final credit required for a diploma is posted on the GOAL student’s transcript unless the student completes all diploma requirements at the same time as traditional seniors. In that case, the graduation date on the GOAL student’s diploma will be the same as the date on the diplomas of traditional seniors.

Students graduating through the GOAL program will be permitted to participate in their base school graduation ceremony. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the school to order graduation regalia. Students are responsible for meeting all deadlines and fees associated with ordering graduation regalia. It is the student’s responsibility to notify the base school principal in a timely manner (as defined by the base school) of his/her intention to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Parental and Student Responsibilities
Regular attendance, course progression, and proper behavior will be expected throughout the term of the program. Failure to follow the policies and procedures outlined in the Student Code of Conduct Handbook, the Baldwin County Board of Education, ACCESS, GOAL, and the Alabama State Department of Education will result in immediate removal from the program.

Withdrawal from GOAL Program
Students who accumulate 10 unexcused absences or who are withdrawn from the ACCESS classes due to inactivity will immediately be withdrawn from the GOAL program. When a student has accumulated 10 unexcused absences or been withdrawn from ACCESS classes due to inactivity, the GOAL facilitator will complete the GOAL Withdrawal Form and submit it to the principal (or his/her designee) for review and approval.
GOAL: GRADUATION through ONLINE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING
Application for Enrollment

Part A (To Be Completed by Applicant)

Base School ____________________________

Student Name ____________________________ DOB _____/____/_____ Age_____

Last       First       MI

ELL – YES   NO       Special Services - YES NO      504 – YES   NO

Last School Attended________________________

Parent/Guardian ____________________________________________

Telephone Number________________________ Email Address________________________________________

Mailing Address ________________________________ City/Zip ________________

Please explain why you would like to enroll in the GOAL program:

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Please describe the daily schedule that you intend to follow to ensure adequate time to complete your school work:

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Forward a copy of the completed Application for Enrollment & Proposed Schedule to Dr. Stephanie Harrison, Loxley COS.
Students who plan to continue the GOAL program must reapply each year.

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Part B (To Be Completed By Base School)

Laptop Usage Fee Paid – YES NO  Laptop Usage Orientation Completed- YES NO

IEP/GEP Meeting Scheduled (if applicable)- YES NO

Diploma Type __________________________ Total Credits Earned to Date _______________

AHSGE Passed (not applicable for students in 2014 cohort to present)

Reading  Math  Language  Science  Social Studies

Student’s Cohort Year _______________ Graduation Target Date ______________________

List Specific Courses Needed for Diploma: (identify ½ credit courses)

Math ____________________________________________

English ___________________________________________

Social Studies ______________________________________

Science __________________________________________

Required Electives ___________________________________

General Electives ____________________________________

Part C (To Be Completed During Enrollment Process)

I, ___________________________________________ and ______________________________________ understand my

Student __________________________ Parent/Guardian __________________________

responsibilities in completing requirements for graduation through the GOAL program and agree to abide by all rules, regulations, policies and procedures of GOAL, the Baldwin County Board of Education, and the Alabama State Department of Education. I agree to make a personal commitment to become invested in completion of the outlined graduation plan.

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Student Signature/Date  Parent/Guardian Signature/Date

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Principal Signature/Date

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Counselor Signature/Date

____ SIGNED STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT HANDBOOK FORM ATTACHED  ____ Laptop Issued

____ TRANSCRIPT ATTACHED ________ PROPOSED COURSE SCHEDULE FOR CURRENT YEAR ATTACHED

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