## PURPOSE FOR

## PROMOTION STANDARDS

The Lawrence County Board of Education realizes the need to establish and maintain high academic standards in the instructional program. The standards for promotion for all grades were developed to ensure that students master the basic skills before leaving the elementary and secondary schools. Report cards will be issued after each of the nine (9) weeks grading periods. Progress reports will be sent home mid-way through each grading period if a school chooses.

## PROMOTION STANDARDS

Minimum Promotion Standards
Promotion in kindergarten through second grade will be based upon teacher observations, attendance, student work samples, and universal screener results. Students will have an academic improvement plan through PST before retention is considered.

Students in grades 3-6 must have a yearly average of sixty (60) or more in reading and math for promotion to the next grade. This average must be calculated from grades received each nine weeks in reading and math. In addition, a student whose reading deficiency is not remedied by the end of grade 3 and who does not demonstrate proficiency in reading on the Alabama state-mandated assessment (ACAP), must be retained. Students may be exempt from mandatory retention for good cause as outlined in the Alabama Literacy Act.

In addition to the math and reading requirements, students in grades 4 - 6 must pass at least two (2) of the other core subjects (language, social studies, or science) and cannot fail the same subject for two consecutive years (language, social studies or science).

Students in the $7^{\text {th }}$ grade must pass a total of five (5) courses, three (3) of the four core courses (English, math, history, and science) and two (2) elective courses and cannot fail the same subject two consecutive years to be promoted to the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade. Coursework can be retaken in summer school at the principals' discretion.

The same requirements will be in effect for 8th-grade students for promotion to the $9^{\text {th }}$ grade. For students entering the $9^{\text {th }}$ grade, the following Carnegie units must be earned to be promoted to the next grade:

From $9^{\text {th }}$ to $10^{\text {th }}$ grade 6 Carnegie units
From $10^{\text {th }}$ to $11^{\text {th }}$ grade 12 Carnegie units
From $11^{\text {th }}$ to $12^{\text {th }}$ grade 19 Carnegie units
For Graduation 26 Carnegie units
Coursework can be taken in summer school, credit recovery, or virtual school at the principal's discretion. Credits may be earned in the regular school program, the dual enrollment program, the summer school program, correspondence programs, online programs and LEAPS. All of the above must be at the principal's discretion.

Transfer Students Grades 9-12
Students entering the Lawrence County School System from other accredited school systems will be placed at grade level based on the records of the school of prior attendance. The students will be required to take and pass the maximum number of credits offered, and if possible, obtain the number of credits required for graduation. (Students must meet state requirements
for graduation.)

## EXIT CEREMONY

A student must be a candidate to receive a diploma to participate in the exit ceremony as a member of that school year's graduating class. Graduation Exercises are a privilege that may be revoked under certain circumstances.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Parents or legal guardians are required by law to explain the cause of any absence from school for children under their control or charge. Therefore, parents shall be required to provide a written excuse not later than the third day following the students return to school. The excuse must be signed by a parent or guardian and state the reason or cause for the absence(s). 16-28-15, Code of Alabama See Code of Conduct for Excused Absences.

## Attendance in Grades 1-6 (7 \& 8 if with grades 1-6 as local

 school option)When the number of parent notes/explanations has exceeded 10 per year, only state-approved absences will be accepted. All other absences will be unexcused.
Students must submit written excuses within 3 days of returning to school, or the absence(s) will be counted as unexcused. Students with unexcused absences cannot make up work and will receive zeros for grades and tests.
Students in grades 1-6 with more than 10 unexcused absences in one school year will not be promoted.

## Attendance in Grades 7-12 (7 \& 8 if with grade 9-12 as

## local school option)

When the number of parent notes/explanations has exceeded 5 per semester, only state-approved absences will be accepted. All other absences will be unexcused.
Students must submit excuses within 3 days of returning to school, or the absence(s) will be counted as unexcused. Students with unexcused absences cannot make up work and will receive zeros for grades and tests.
Students in grades 7-12 with more than 5 unexcused absences in one school semester will not receive credit for passing that semester class. The class average will be recorded on the student transcript, but no credit will be awarded. The transcript will be marked as "Failure due to Absences."
Notification of retention or loss of credit due to absences will be given to the parent/guardian by the principal or his/her designee no later than the last day of the semester or school year. An appeal to the school attendance committee must be made in writing within seven (7) calendar days after the end of the semester or school year.

## Exam Exemptions for the 2023-24 School Year

 Students in grades 10-12 may exempt final exams if they meet all of the following criteria: course average for the entire school year is 70 or above, and they have no more than 5 absences (excused or unexcused) for the entire school year. Students in grades $7-9$ will still be required to take final exams. All students will take the midterm. AP Courses: Advanced Placement students must take the AP Exam or the final teacher exam. If students take the AP Exam in May, then they may exempt the course final IF they have no more than 5 absences and have passed the course.Missed exams can only be made up with a doctor's excuse.
## Breakdown of Grade Percentages:

$1^{\text {st }}$ Semester: $1^{\text {st }} 9$ weeks $45 \%, 2^{\text {nd }} 9$ weeks $45 \%$, Midterm $10 \% 2^{\text {nd }}$ semester: $3^{\text {rd }} 9$ weeks $45 \%$ or $50 \%, 4^{\text {th }} 9$ weeks $45 \%$ or $50 \%$, Exam $10 \%$ or Exempt

Teachers should regularly report grade progress to students and parents and maximize the use of PowerSchool Parent Portal.

## Truancy Prevention

1. First Truancy/Unexcused Absence (Warning)

The parent, guardian, or person having control of said child shall be notified by the school principal or his/her designee that the student was truant and the date. This should include a copy of Alabama's compulsory attendance laws and advise of penalties.
2. Second Unexcused Absence- Letter or phone call from the principal. (School option with documentation in PowerSchool)
3. Third/Fourth Unexcused Absence

Parent/Guardian shall attend conference/phone call with attendance officer.
Receive letter/phone call from Truancy officer stating on the fifth unexcused absence student and parent shall attend Early Warning with Lawrence County Judicial system.
4. Fifth Unexcused Absence /Truancy

The parent, guardian, or person having control of the child shall attend the early warning program by the juvenile court. Attendance is mandatory and failure to appear shall result in filing a complaint against said parent.
5. Seventh Unexcused absence, but within ten days file complaint/petition against the child and /or parents/guardian.

## NINE WEEKS

2023-2024

## Grading Period

End First 9 Weeks $\qquad$ October 6, 2023 End Second 9 Weeks/Semester. December 15, 2023 End Third 9 Weeks........................March 8, 2024 End Fourth 9 Weeks/Semester.......... May 23, 2024

## NUMERICAL GRADE/LETTER <br> GRADE CORRELATION

NUMERICAL GRADE LETTER GRADE
90-100 A
80-89 B
70-79 C
60-69 D
0-59 F
High School Class Weighting
Only those courses considered CORE Curricula will be counted for weighted Grade Point Averages for Recognition of Honor Students. A weighted Grade Point Average on all subjects will be available for College Transcripts.
These Core courses will include:
English 9, 10, 11, and $12 \mathrm{and} /$ or their equivalent.
Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II with Trig, Algebra II, Algebra II with Finance, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Math Investigation, Discrete Math, Analytical Math, Finite Math, and /or their equivalent.
Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy, Physics, Aquascience, Botany, Earth and Space, Environmental Science, Forensics, Marine Science, Genetics, Zoology and/or their equivalent
World History I, US History I and II, Government, Economics, and/or their equivalent. Advanced Placement (AP) Courses Dual Enrollment Courses Other courses that are specific to a school or student, with the submission of request stating the rigor and content from the teacher or institution, may be approved by the Superintendent.

## Weighted Numeric Grading Scale:

Numerical grades in Advanced Placement (AP) courses (approved by the College Board and LCBOE) and Dual Enrollment courses in lieu of Core Subjects (approved by BOE) will be weighted by adding ten
(10) points to the final grade. The addition of the points for AP courses is contingent upon students taking the AP exam. Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP), Honors courses will be weighted by adding five (5) points to the final grade. Dual Enrollment courses that are not Core Subjects (above list) will receive five (5) additional points to the final grade.

## Weighted Standard Grading Scale:

Students electing to participate in Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment, Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP), Honors classes will be given additional weight with same criteria as above as indicated in the chart below. Grade: Regular: Pre-AP/Honors AP/DE (Core) DE (Non-Core)
A 4.004 .505 .00
B 3.003 .504 .00
C 2.002 .503 .00
D 1.001 .502 .00

## F 0.000 .000 .00

## Recognition of Honor Students:

Upon approval of High School Committee (Administration, Counselor, and selected teachers) a high school will recognize graduating seniors with the options listed below:
Weighted Numeric GPA in Core Classes.
Based on the above numeric GPA's for earned or attempted credit Core courses (See list above) taken in high school/dual enrollment (including those credits taken in $8^{\text {th }}$ grade) calculated at the end of the first semester of the senior year the following recognition: Summa Cum Laude-With Highest Honor (greater than 101.00) Magna Cum Laude-With High Honor (98-100.999) Cum Laude-With Honor (95.000-97.999)

## 2023-2024

Lawrence County
School Calendar


First Semester 84 days
Second Semester 94 days

LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOLS GRADES K-12

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