NUMERICAL GRADE/LETTER 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 posted on final transcripts.

These Core courses will include:
-English 9, 10, 11, and 12 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, Computer Science, and /or their equivalent.
-Biology, Physical Science, Chemistry, Anatomy, Physics, Aquascience, Botany, Earth and Space, Environmental Science, Forensics, Marine Science, Genetics, Zoology and/or their equivalent.
-World History, US History I and II, Government, Economics, and/or their equivalent.
-Core Advanced Placement (AP) Courses, Core Dual Enrollment Courses, and 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. 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 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 DE (Non-Core)	AP/DE (Core)
A	4.00	4.50	5.00
B	3.00	3.50	4.00
C	2.00	2.50	3.00
D	1.00	1.50	2.00
F	0.00	0.00	0.00

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 8th 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)

2024-2025 Lawrence County School Calendar

August 1 ---------- Teacher Workday
August 2---------- -----Teacher Institute/Workday
August 5---------- ---------- -----Teacher Workday
August 6 ---------- Teacher Workday
August 7 ---------- Teacher Workday
August 8 ---------- First 9 Weeks Begins
September 2 ----------Labor Day Holiday
September 18 ----------E-Learning/Staff Dev
October 4 ---------- First 9 Weeks Ends (45 days)
October 14-15---------- ----------Fall Break
October 16------- ----------Parent/Teacher Conf and E-Learning Day
November 11 ---------- Veteran's Day
November 25-29----------Thanksgiving Holidays
December 13-18---------- ----------Midterm Exams
December 19---------- ---------- Second 9 Week Ends
December 20 ----------Teacher Workday/Flex Day
December 21-January 5 ---------- Christmas Holidays
January 6---------- ---------- Teacher Workday
January 7 ---------- 3rd 9 Weeks Begins
January 20---------- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 17---------- ---------- Teacher Workday/Flex Day
March 5---------- ----------Teacher PD
March 7 ---------- Third 9 Weeks Ends
March 24-28- ---------- ----------Spring Break
April 18---------- ----------Teacher PD
May 19-22---------- ----------Graduation
May 22 ----------Fourth 9 Weeks Ends
May 23 ---------- Teacher Workday

PROMOTION STANDARDS

2024-2025

GRADES K - 12

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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 may 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 classroom grades, 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 exemptions 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 two consecutive years (language, social studies or science).

Students in the 7th 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 8th grade. Course work 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 9th grade. For students entering the 9th grade, the following Carnegie units must be earned to be promoted to the next grade:

From 9th to 10th grade	6 Carnegie units
From 10th to 11th grade	12 Carnegie units
From 11th to 12th grade	19 Carnegie units
For Graduation	26 Carnegie units

Course work 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, on-line programs and LEAPS. All the above must be at principal 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 with 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 2024-2025 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. Missed exams can only be made up with a doctor's excuse.

Breakdown of Grade Percentages:

1st Semester: 1st 9 weeks 45%, 2nd 9 weeks 45%, Midterm 10%
2nd semester: 3rd 9weeks 45% or 50%, 4th 9weeks 45% or 50%, Exam 10% or Exempt

Teachers should regularly report grade progress to students and parents and maximize the use of I-Home 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. 2nd Unexcused Absence-Letter or phone call from principal. (School option with documentation in I-Now)
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.
5. 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 complaint against said parent.
6. Seventh Unexcused absence, but within ten days file complaint/petition against the child and /or parents/guardian.

NINE WEEKS
2024 - 2025
Grading Period

End First 9 Weeks.....October 4, 2024
End Second 9 Weeks/Semester. December 19, 2024
End Third 9 Weeks/.....March 7, 2025
End Fourth 9 Weeks/Semester.....May 22, 2025