

*Welcome to  
Boaz High School*



*Home of the Pirates!*

# HIGH SCHOOL WORDS TO KNOW

CTE = Career Technical Education – those classes that are specifically geared toward a career area

DE = Dual Enrollment – college class that students take while still high school students and get both high school and college credit for the same class

AP = Advanced Placement – high school classes that are taught at a very difficult level. Students take the AP test at the end of the year to see if college credit can be earned.

# HIGH SCHOOL WORDS TO KNOW

CCRI = College and Career Readiness Indicator – required to graduate

ACT = college admission/placement test – Alabama state test for 11<sup>th</sup> grade

ACT Work Keys = test often used in business and industry – Alabama state test for 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Distinguished Scholar – special Boaz High recognition for academic excellence



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## **\*\*NEW INFORMATION\*\***

- Earn 24 credits
- Earn a College & Career Readiness Indicator
- Pass the Civics test in the United States Government class – (this includes dual enrollment students)
- FAFSA completion or waiver for seniors
- Class of 2028 – complete financial literacy exam in Career Prep





# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**\*\*NEW INFORMATION\*\***

- Alabama High School Diploma
  - Pathway A – current requirements
  - Pathway B – new requirements
- Both diplomas require 24 credits



The printed diploma will not indicate the option.



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## Alabama High School Diploma Pathway A

- **4 English**
- **4 Math**
- **4 Science**
- **4 Social Studies**

**In addition, the state requires:**

- **1 Physical Education called Beginning Kinesiology**
- **½ Health**
- **1 Career Preparedness**
- **3 Career Tech Education or World Language or Fine Arts**
- **2 ½ Electives**

**TOTAL Required:                    24**



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## Alabama High School Diploma Pathway B

- 4 English
- 2 Math (Geometry & Algebra I)
- 2 Science (Biology & A Physical Science)
- 4 Social Studies

In addition, the state requires:

- 1 Physical Education called Beginning Kinesiology
- ½ Health
- 1 Career Preparedness
- 3 Career and Technical Education
- 6.5 additional Math/Science/World Lang/Fine Arts or Electives

**TOTAL Required:            24**



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## Alabama High School Diploma Comparison

### Pathway A

- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 4 Science
- 4 SS
- 1 PE
- ½ Health
- 1 Career Prep
- 3 CTE/WL/FA
- 2.5 electives

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### Pathway B

- 4 English
- 2 Math
- 2 Science
- 4 SS
- 1 PE
- ½ Health
- 1 Career Prep
- 3 CTE
- 6.5 – Math/Science/CTE/WL/FA/other elect.

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# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## Alabama High School Diploma Pathway B

### Things to consider

- **Does not meet criteria for Distinguished Scholar**
- **Students may not meet Admission Requirements for all 4-year colleges and universities. Community College admission should not be an issue, but placement in higher level math classes could be affected.**
- **Eligibility for NCAA Athletics and NAIA Athletics – the minimum requirement of 2 math and 2 science classes of diploma pathway B may not meet eligibility requirements.**



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENT
  - Beginning with the Class of 2026
  - All students must earn at least 1 CCRI
  - CCRI = College & Career Readiness Indicator



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## 7 College & Career Readiness Indicators

1. ACT Benchmark – meet for 1 subtest
2. AP Score – 3 or higher
3. Dual Enrollment credit on college transcript
4. ACT WorkKeys test – silver or higher
5. Military enlistment
6. Industry Credential – ex. ServSafe/BQA
7. CTE completer – 3 courses from same path with a “C” or higher

# ENGLISH

- Honors classes available for 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>
- Dual Enrollment English 101 and 102
  - Can count as 11<sup>th</sup> and/or 12<sup>th</sup> grade English
- AP English Language – 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- AP English Literature – 12<sup>th</sup> grade



# MATHEMATICS

## Diploma Pathway A

- All students must earn a credit in Geometry, Algebra I, Algebra II and 1 other math credit.
- 4<sup>th</sup> math credits can include: Algebra w/Finance, Precalculus, Dual Enrollment Math 112/113 or any other Dual Enrollment Math, Computer Science, or AP Statistics or Calculus

# MATHEMATICS – PATHWAY A

## Regular Option

Geometry w/Data Analysis

Algebra I w/Probability

Algebra II w/Statistics

Algebra w/Finance

## \*Honors Option

Honors Geometry w/Data

Honors Algebra I w/Probability

Honors Algebra II w/Statistics

Precalculus, Dual Enroll or AP

## If Accelerated 7<sup>th</sup>/ 8<sup>th</sup> math & recommended

Honors Geometry w/Data Analysis

Honors Algebra II w/Statistics

Precalculus or Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment or AP

# MATHEMATICS – PATHWAY B

- Geometry w/Data Analysis
- Algebra I w/Probability

No other math credits are required for this diploma, but are optional as long as the prerequisites are met.

# SCIENCE – PATHWAY A

- 9<sup>TH</sup> – Biology (Honors)
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Chemistry (Honors)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Environmental, AP Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, AP Biology online, Dual Enrollment
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Forensics, AP Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, AP Biology, Physics or Dual Enrollment
- Career Tech substitutes: can't count for both CT & Science
  - Human Body Structures (can't count both this and Anatomy as science), Computer Science, Food Safety & Microbiology

# SCIENCE – PATHWAY B

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Biology
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Chemistry or  
Physical Science (teacher approval)
- No other science classes are required, but can be taken for the additional 6.5 credits needed.

# SOCIAL STUDIES

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade – World History (Honors)
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade – U.S. History I (Honors or DE)
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade – U.S. History II (Honors or DE)
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade – Government (Honors or DE)  
Economics (Honors or DE)

AP U.S. History, Government and Economics offered online.

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- All students are required to have 1 Physical Education credit during high school – called Beginning Kinesiology
- Two years of marching band will be required to fulfill the 1 credit of Physical Education.
- Colorguard/Danceline members are not in band class unless they play an instrument.

# HEALTH

- $\frac{1}{2}$  credit of health education is required for all students.
- Foundations of Health Science can substitute for regular health, but cannot also be used to fulfill a CTE elective. This will be 1 full credit.

# CAREER PREPAREDNESS

- Career Preparedness Course
  - Career development and academic planning
  - Computer skills applications
  - Financial literacy knowledge

1 full credit of Career Preparedness is required. The financial literacy test is a part of this class.

**FINE ARTS** (pages 16 - 17)

AND/OR

**CTE** (pages 18 - 22)

AND/OR

**WORLD LANGUAGES**

- Diploma Option A
- 3 credits required - Students choosing Arts Education, Career Tech, and/or World Languages are encouraged to complete two courses in sequence, but not required unless seeking to earn the Distinguished Scholar Distinction.

# FINE ARTS/CTE/WORLD LANGUAGE Sequences

## Diploma Option A

- 3 CTE
- 3 World Language
- 3 Arts Education
- 2 CTE + 1 WL
- 2 CTE + 1 Arts
- 2 WL + 1 CTE
- 2 WL + 1 Arts
- 2 Arts + 1 CTE
- 2 Arts + 1 WL

# FINE ARTS

- Marching, Concert, & Band Elective
- Show Choir
- Theater I, II, III, IV
- Visual Arts I, II, III, IV
- Digital Imaging I
- Music, Elements of Arts Literacy
- Dance, Elements of Arts Literacy online
- Theater, Elements of Arts Literacy online

# CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

## On-campus programs:

**Agriscience                      Business                      Computer Science**  
**Education & Training      Hospitality & Tourism**  
**Sports Medicine              Therapeutic Services**

## Snead State Career Tech Dual Enrollment Programs: 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>

**Applied Business                      Aviation Maintenance Tech**  
**Child Development                  Computer Information Systems**  
**Industrial Systems Technology      Office Administration**  
**HVAC-R      Machine Tool Technology      Welding**

**Participation Requirements for Dual Enrollment: Overall 2.5 GPA and completion of physical education and health credits before the end of 10<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**Dual Enrollment Courses are scheduled in accordance with the college schedule. Students return to BHS for all academic courses unless student or grant pays for dual enrollment academic course.**

# CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- Marshall County Technical School
  - Automotive Technology – **4 spots**
  - Building Construction - Collision Repair
  - Cosmetology – **4 spots**
  - JROTC - Public Safety
  - Robotics/Mechatronics
  - Welding Technology – **2 spots**

**\*\*MUST attend interview process.**

**This can begin in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and takes all electives spots in the schedule.**

# WORLD LANGUAGES

- Spanish I, II and III at BHS
  - Dual Enrollment Spanish I & II at BHS
- ACCESS courses
  - German
  - French
  - Latin
  - Mandarin Chinese
  - Spanish III & Spanish IV

# **ACCESS** – Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educators, & Students Statewide

- **Allows BHS to offer online and video-conference classes that might not be taught at our school, as well as to provide classes for students whose schools might not be able to offer courses that we have available.**
- **Typically, upperclassmen are scheduled into these classes first. Freshman are not normally scheduled into these classes.**
- **These classes are scheduled in the computer lab with a facilitator to help with technical issues, but the teacher does not necessarily know the course content.**

# AP & Honors Classes

- AP classes cost \$98 – this covers the AP test that is given in May. A fee waiver is available to assist students who qualify based on income.
- Students are encouraged to take Honors classes in order to prepare for the AP classes.

AP classes receive an additional 10 points on the semester average.

Honors classes receive an additional 5 points on the semester average.

# DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR – pg. 7

- Pre-calculus as the 4<sup>th</sup> math
  - 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade sciences must be from the following: AP Chemistry, AP Biology, Physics, Anatomy, or DE
  - One AP or one college dual enrollment course
  - Two Honors courses
  - A sequence of two courses in foreign language, career tech education or arts education.
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- Any college dual enrollment course or AP course can be substituted for an Honors course.
  - 80 average must be earned each semester in every class for high school credit.

\*\*\* Subject to change\*\*\*

# VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN

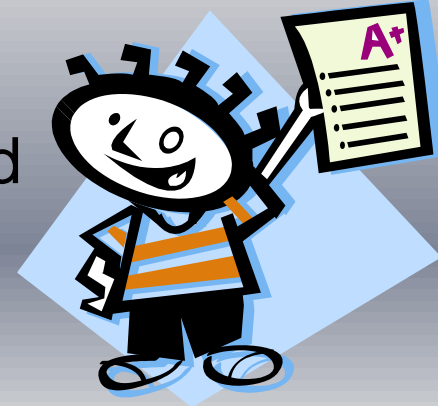
Top two students academically in the graduating class.

Based on GPA from the core classes only (Math, Science, English, History and Foreign Language) through first semester of senior year. The first 4 classes to appear on the transcript in each subject area are used. Students cannot pick and choose if they take more than 4 core in a subject.

Must be a Distinguished Scholar to be eligible.

# THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Beginning in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, your grades count toward your cumulative **GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)**. This is an important part of applying for scholarships as a Senior. **EVERY CLASS ATTEMPTED COUNTS TOWARD GPA.**



Involvement in clubs, community service, and academic organizations is also an important part of applying for scholarships as a Senior. Pages 21 - 22 in the booklet lists many opportunities for involvement at BHS.

# THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) both have specific requirements you must meet in order to qualify to play sports in college. Students should visit the NCAA Eligibility center online to see requirements.



# FOUR YEAR PLAN

Your four year plan is your “road map” to graduation. Remember that it is a PLAN, and you will have the chance to make new course selections each Spring.



Please write in pencil and sign in pen!

**Boaz City Schools**  
**Individual Academic/Career Planning Portfolio**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Year entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Four-Year Plan - Alabama High School Diploma**  
**CAREER PATHWAY – SELECTION**

____ Agriscience	____ Sports Medicine	____ MTS - Collision	____ MTS - Mechatronics
____ Computer Science	____ Therapeutic Services	____ MTS - Construction	____ MTS – Public Safety
____ Education & Training	____ Liberal Arts	____ MTS - Cosmetology	____ MTS - Welding
____ Hospitality & Tourism	____ MTS - Automotive	____ MTS - JROTC	____ Snead CT <u>Pathway</u> : _____

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
English –*Honors or regular (Please circle your choice)	English –*Honors or regular (Please circle your choice)	English –*AP or *DE or regular (Please circle your choice)	English – *AP or *DE or regular (Please circle your choice)
Biology -*Honors or regular (Please circle your choice)	Chemistry -*Honors or regular (Please circle your choice)	Science – (Write in choice from book)	Science – (Write in choice from book)
World History *Honors or regular (Please circle your choice)	U.S. History I *Honors or *DE or regular (Please circle your choice)	US History II *Honors or *DE or regular (Please circle your choice)	Government/Economics *Honors or *DE or regular (Please circle your choice)
Math – *Honors or regular Geometry w/Data Analysis (Please circle your choice)	Math – *Honors or regular Algebra I w/Probability (Please circle your choice)	Math – *Honors or regular Algebra II w/Statistics (Please circle your choice)	Math – Algebra w/Finance Precalculus DE Math 112/113
Elective #1 Physical Education Band (2 years)	Elective #1	Elective #1	Elective #1
Elective #2 Pathway class list here	Elective #2 Pathway class list here	Elective #2 Pathway class list here	Elective #2 Pathway class list here
Elective #3 Career Prep	Elective #3	Elective #3	Elective #3
<b>List 4 more alternative elective choices for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the boxes below:</b>			
1:	2:	3:	4:

DE = Dual Enrollment    AP = Advanced Placement    (\* prerequisites listed in the course description book for these classes)

_____ Student Signature	_____ Date	_____ Parent Signature	_____ Date	_____ Counselor Signature	_____ Date
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Pre-Registration forms with parent signatures in subsequent years will serve as permission for changes in the original four-year plan.

# 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE ELECTIVES

**All 9<sup>th</sup> graders must take the following courses as electives:**

PE or Marching Band – list the sport you play if applicable – Football, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Cheer, XC, Golf, Swim, Tennis

Pathway class

Career Prep (Driver's Education and Health can be substituted if a student is 15 and has a permit, but Career Prep must be taken in 10<sup>th</sup> grade).

# 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE ELECTIVES

- If a student is taking Foundations of Health Science then health is not needed. A student who is old enough in 9<sup>th</sup> grade to take Driver's Education will take music the opposite semester instead of health.
- Students taking Show Choir who are not choosing Liberal Arts as the pathway can move Career Prep to 10<sup>th</sup> grade or 11<sup>th</sup> grade

# PATHWAYS

## Pathways on-campus at BHS

- Agriscience
- Business
- Sports Medicine
- Therapeutic Services
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Education & Training
- Computer Science
- Liberal Arts

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# PATHWAYS

## Pathways at Snead State

- Applied Business
- Aviation Maintenance Tech
- Child Development
- Computer Information Systems
- HVAC/R
- Industrial Systems Technology
- Machine Tool Technology
- Office Administration
- Welding

Four Year Plans are due Friday,  
February 14<sup>th</sup>.

February 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Hays  
available at BMS for help. Try to  
come during your student's Social  
Studies class if possible.

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