

## 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.

Standard-Based Report Cards will be used for grades K. However, a Numeric Grade for each subject and a list of standards to be checked Weak or Strong will be sent with report cards for grades 1-2.

### PROMOTION STANDARDS

#### Minimum Promotion Standards

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 and meet attendance requirements.

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). Course work can be retaken in summer school at the principals' discretion.

Students in the 7<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> grade. Course work can be retaken in summer school at the principals' discretion.

The same requirements will be in effect for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for promotion to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

For students entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2007-2008 the following Carnegie units must be earned to be promoted to the next grade:

From 9 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> grade	6 Carnegie units
From 10 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> grade	12 Carnegie units
From 11 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	19 Carnegie units
For Graduation	26 Carnegie units

Additionally, a minimum of four (4) Carnegie units must be earned the senior year.

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 is 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 or 5 per semester, 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. See IHEBD.

### Exam Exemptions for the 2016-2017 School Year

Effective August 2016, 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.

### Breakdown of Grade Percentages:

1<sup>st</sup> Semester: 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks 45%, 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks 45%, Midterm 10%

2<sup>nd</sup> semester: 3<sup>rd</sup> 9weeks 45% or 50%, 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

2016-17

### Grading Period

End First 9 Weeks.....October 11, 2016  
End Second 9 Weeks/Semester. December 21, 2016  
End Third 9 Weeks/..... March 17, 2017  
End Fourth 9 Weeks/Semester..... May 26, 2017

### NUMERICAL GRADE/LETTER GRADE CORRELATION

NUMERICAL GRADE	LETTER GRADE
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
0-59	F

**Effective 2016-17  
High School Class Weighting**

**Only those courses considered CORE Curricula will be counted for weighted Grade Point Averages for school year 2014-15 and thereafter 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 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, 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.
- Foreign Languages
- Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
- Dual Enrollment Courses unless the course is offered at the school by similar Advanced Placement (AP) course. If a school offers Advanced Placement course of similar type and grade level a student may not receive high school credit for the Dual Enrollment course.
- 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 student 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 final grade. ~~A total weighted GPA should be reflected on report cards and transcripts while class weighting GPA will have to be asked for from the counselor.~~

**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.

<b>Grade:</b>	<b>Regular:</b>	<b>Pre-AP/Honors DE (Non-Core)</b>	<b>AP@DE (Core)</b>
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 8<sup>th</sup> 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)

**2016-17  
Lawrence County  
School Calendar**

- August 3-----School-Wide Teacher In-service/Flex Day
- August 4----- Teacher Institute/Faculty Meetings
- August 5-----Teacher Workday/County-Wide PD
- August 8-----Teacher Workday
- August 9-----First 9 Weeks Begins
- September 5-----Labor Day Holiday
- September 6-----School-Wide Teacher Inservice
- October 11 -----First 9 Weeks Ends (44 days)
- October 17-19-----Fall Break
- October 24-----Parent-Teacher Conference/ELearning Day
- November 11-----Veteran's Day
- November 11----- ½ Student Day/Teacher Inservice
- November 23-25-----Thanksgiving Holidays
- December 21-Last Day before Christmas Break (44 Days) (88 Days)
- December 22-January 5-----Christmas Holidays
- January 4-----Teacher Inservice/Flex Day
- January 5-----School-wide Teacher Inservice
- January 6-----Begin School after Christmas
- January 16-----Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- February 1-----1/2 Student day/Teacher Inservice
- February 24-----Weather Day
- February 27-----ELearning/PTC Day
- March 19-----Third 9 Weeks Ends (49 days)
- March 20-24-----Spring Break
- April 3-May 12-----Aspire Window
- April 14-----Good Friday/Weather Day
- April 17-----Weather Day
- April 18-----ACT Test 11<sup>th</sup> Grade
- May 26-----Six 6 Weeks Ends (35 days)(94 Days)
- May 25/26-----Graduation

1 <sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks-----August 9 – Oct 11-----	44 days
2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 Weeks-----Oct 12 - Dec 21-----	44 days(88 days)
3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks---- Jan 6 – March 17-----	49 days
4 <sup>th</sup> 9 Weeks----March 27 –May 26-----	43 days(92 days)
TOTAL-----	180 days
First Semester	88 days
Second Semester	92 days

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