



BALDWIN

ONLINE ACADEMY

Student and Family Program Guidebook

A program of the Baldwin County School District
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More information available at
baldwincountyschools.ga.org/baldwin-online-academy



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Welcome to Baldwin Online Academy

Greetings,

Thank you for selecting Baldwin Online Academy for your child or children. In Baldwin County, we understand the daily struggles that many face when it comes to attending a traditional public school setting. It is our goal to provide an excellent educational program that allows your family to complete all requirements for a Georgia High School diploma from the academic setting of your choice.

By working closely with Edgenuity's online services, we are able to offer every required course for grades K-12, as well as various elective course opportunities that allow students to explore different concepts and ideas while charting their own path to success. Our students are also invited to participate in many after school activities, sports, or clubs on their root campuses. This helps us ensure that no BOA student misses out on any academic or social opportunity.

We are always happy to help, and ask that you feel free to contact us whenever you need anything.

Welcome aboard,

Dawson K. Roberts, Ed.S
BOA Coordinator
Baldwin County Schools



Registration Process

1. Parents/Guardians should apply using the application available on our website: **baldwincountyschoolsga.org/baldwin-online-academy**.
2. Once you've completed the application, you'll receive an email requesting that you schedule your **initial interview** where an acceptance decision will be made.
3. Once accepted, go to the appropriate Baldwin County school and speak with the registrar:

K-5th grade students to Central Office and speak with **Tori Dominy**.

6th-8th grade students to Oak Hill Middle and speak with **Michelle Rhodes**.

9th-12th grade students to Baldwin High and speak with **Terri Davis**.
4. The registrar will help you pick any needed classes and electives from our course list which can be found on our website.
5. Once the registrar has your schedule created in Infinite Campus, you will get an email from **Dawson Roberts** with your username and password to log into the Edgenuity platform and begin classwork.

The **login** button can be found on our website as well.

Enrollment Periods

Students and families who are new to Baldwin County School District may enroll at any time.

Current BCSD students who are interested in transferring to BOA:

All transfers into the program for students currently enrolled in a Baldwin County Public School District school, must initiate the transfer before the end of the first week of each semester. Students will not be allowed to transfer into the program after this deadline without explicit admin approval.



Academic Calendar

Baldwin Online Academy adheres to the Baldwin County School district Academic Calendar which can be found online at baldwincountyschools.org/academic-calendars. Additionally, the current school year academic calendar is visible below.

Student assignment deadlines will be postponed during any student holiday, though students are more than welcome to continue working during that time.

2020/21 Calendar

Revised 6/1/2020 to include Early Release Days for Parent Conferences & Professional Learning

July 2020							August 2020							September 2020							October 2020						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	*15	16	17	18	19	20
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March 2021							April 2021							May 2021							June 2021						
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PL Days/No Students Holidays/No Students or Teachers Students Return to School Early Release Day /PL Early Release/Parent Conf.
 (*) Inclement Weather Days/Remote Learning Days (if needed) Semester 1: 89 Days Semester 2: 91 Days

July 27-31: Pre-Planning	Oct. 12-16: Fall Break	Jan. 6: Students Return	Mar. 12: PL Day/No Students
Aug. 3: 1st Day of School	Nov. 23-27: Thanksgiving Holidays	Jan. 18: MLK Holiday	Mar. 15: No Students or Teachers
Sept. 4: Early Release/PL	Dec. 18: Early Release/PL	Feb. 11: Early Release/PL	Apr. 5-9: Spring Break
Sept. 7: Labor Day Holiday	Dec. 21-Jan. 1: Winter Break	Feb. 12 & 15: Pres. Day/Holidays	May 26: Early Release/Last Day
Oct. 9: Early Release/Parent Conf.	Jan. 4 & 5: PL Days/No Students	March 11: Early Release/Parent Conf.	May 27 & 28: Post-Planning



Elementary School Course List

Academic Core

Language Arts

K-5

Mathematics

K-5

Science

K-5

Social Studies

K-5

Electives

Technology

K-2: Keyboarding
3-5: Scratch Coding

Health and PE

K-5

Arts

K-2: Arts & Crafts
3-5: Art

Middle School Course List

Academic Core

Language Arts

6-8

Mathematics

6-8: Middle School Math
8: (Optional) High School Algebra I

Science

6: Earth Science
7: Life Science
8: Physical Science

Social Studies

6-7 World Area Studies
8: Georgia Studies

Electives

Foreign Language

7-8: Spanish 1
7-8: Spanish 2

Health and PE

6-7: Middle School PE
8: High School Health and PE

Digital Arts

6-8 Digital Art and Design
6-8: Photography

Technology

6-8: Coding
6-8: Game Design

Journalism

6-8

Music

6-8: Exploring Music
6-8: Band (In-person only)



Course Requirements: High School

General Graduation Requirements Students entering the 9th grade for the first time in the 11-12 school year and all subsequent school years must meet all of the graduation requirements set forth in the Georgia State Board of Education amendments to Rule 160-3-1-.07 and Rule 160-4-2-.13 as well as in the additional Baldwin County Board of Education requirements. Students must be enrolled in grades 9-12 for a minimum of four years. Specifics on the required Units can be found on the Baldwin County High School website at baldwincountyschoolsga.org/baldwin-high.

Parents are strongly encouraged to make an appointment with their child's counselor to discuss these details. All students will be required to complete a total of 23 units for graduation.

All students will take:

4 units of English

4 units of Science

4 units of Mathematics

3 units of Social Studies

At least 3 units required from: Foreign Language* and/or CTAE and/or Fine Arts for all students

At least 4 additional electives

1 health/physical education course

*Students planning to enter or transfer into a University System of Georgia institution must take two units of the same foreign language.

Students are also required to complete several Milestone end-of-course exams for the courses listed below:

Required Milestone Courses			
Math	Science	English	Social Studies
Algebra I	Physical Science	9th Grade Literature	US History
Geometry	Biology	American Literature	Economics



Grade Reporting

For ***elementary and middle school students***, grades will be recorded upon the completion of each course section. A-Section courses will be recorded in December, and B-Section courses will be recorded in May. If a course has a milestone exam, the score for that test will count for 10% of the overall course grade.

Art 5		
Section A	Section B	
S1	S2	Year
Aug-Dec	Jan-May	Aug-May
50%	50%	100%

It is a state requirement that all 3rd grade students pass the Reading Milestone and all 5th grade students must pass the Reading and Math Milestones in order to be promoted to the next grade level. Students who do not meet this requirement may only advance to the next grade via administrative decision.



Grade Reporting

For **high school students**, A-Section course grades will be recorded at the end of the first 9 weeks of the semester, and B-Section grades will be recorded after the second 9 weeks at the end of the semester. If a course has a milestone exam, the score for that test will count for 20% of the overall course grade.

9th Grade Literature		
Section A	Section B	EOC
1st 9	2nd 9	End of term
40%	40%	20%

If the course does not have a milestone exam, the final score will be an even average between the two sections.

World Literature	
Section A	Section B
1st 9	2nd 9
50%	50%



Attendance Policy

Attendance at BOA is determined by activity time in online courses and will be checked at the end of each four and a half week period.

For each attendance period, students are expected to clock a minimum of 90 hours of activity total. One day of absence will be marked for every 8 hours off target. Students with more than 5 marked absences will be removed from the program.

If a student has completed all due assignments by each check date, and is passing all classes with at least a 70, the student will be counted fully present.

Attendance Periods 2020-2021

August 10 - September 4	January 6 - February 11
September 8 - October 9	February 16- March 11
October 19 - November 18	March 16 - April 23
November 19 - December 18	April 26 - May 14



Continuation Policy

To ensure that all BOA students are successful with the program, grades and course progress percentages will be checked periodically by BOA staff throughout the school year.

Parents of students who are either failing or critically behind in two or more courses will receive email notification. **If satisfactory progress is not met by the next check-up date, students will be asked to return to a traditional academic setting.**

High school seniors are required to pass and stay up to date all courses to ensure graduation requirements will be met.

Progress Check Dates 2020 - 2021

September 4	February 11
October 9	March 11
November 18	April 23
December 18	May 14



Promotion/Retention Policy

IV. Placement and Promotion in Grades Kindergarten Through Eight

A.

1. Kindergarten- Grade 1, and Grade 2

To be promoted, students must meet 70% of the standards in each subject area of the following areas: reading/ELA, math, social studies, science, with the exception of one subject area.

2. In grades three (3) through eight (8) students can fail no more than one (1) academic subject (reading, language arts, math, science, social studies) and be promoted to the next higher grade.

- a. Students may not be retained in grades K-5 more than two (2) times unless such retention is required by state law or G.B.O.E. Rule.

3. In grade eight (8) students cannot fail 2 non-core subjects.

V. Placement or Promotion of Students in Grades Nine (9) Through Twelve (12)

A. Promotion and graduation of students in Baldwin High School shall be based upon the number of units of credit as specified through state and local policy.

B. Unit credit may be earned during 9-12 summer school ONLY when the summer school program is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) or the Georgia Accreditation Commission.

C. Participation in a 1-12 summer school shall be an extension of the previous academic year and shall not count toward full-time attendance during the following academic year.

D. A student shall be enrolled in four courses per semester unless:

1. The student is enrolled in a dual or joint enrollment program with a Georgia public college, university or technical school; or

2. The student is in his/her fifth year of high school.

Grade Level Classification

Students acquire grade level status based on the number of units earned.

Class	Grade	No. of Units
Freshman	9th Grade	0 – 5 Units
Sophomore	10 th Grade	6 – 11 Units
Junior	11 th Grade	12 – 17 Units
Senior	12 th Grade	18 + Units
	Graduate	23 Units



Promotion/Retention Policy

GRADES K-8

- "Passing" a class requires a minimum final grade of 70% or higher.
- Students who fail a core course may be promoted pending Milestone assessments or administrative review.
- Students who fail 2 core courses will need to complete a summer learning opportunity to be considered for promotion. These opportunities will be determined by the home school.
- Students who fail 3 or more core courses will not be promoted to the next grade level.
- Students who fail all 4 core courses will be removed from the program and will not be promoted to the next grade level..

GRADES 9-12

- "Passing" a class requires a minimum final grade of 70% or higher.
 - Students who fail a class with a final average between 62-69 may complete an appropriately rigorous summer learning activity to recover the credit. This can only be done for **ONE** class per semester.
 - Students who fail 2 or more of their classes in a semester will be removed from the program.
- SENIORS will be removed from the program pending administrative decision is **ONE** class is failed.



Learning Coaches

As a participant in the Baldwin Online Academy program, it is critically important that a responsible adult, or “learning coach”, monitors student progress and activity daily.

Learning coaches will be given observer accounts that will allow full access to student grades, activity, assignments, and teacher feedback.

We ask that learning coaches check student activity daily to ensure that students do not fall behind or begin to accrue absences.

Our program offers an online support service that assists parents/guardians in becoming more familiar with the Edgenuity platform. Learning coaches are highly recommended to take advantage of this resource. It can be accessed through the Edgenuity platform.

If, at any time, you would like to schedule an in-person orientation or assistance session, please reach out to your program coordinator using the information below.

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