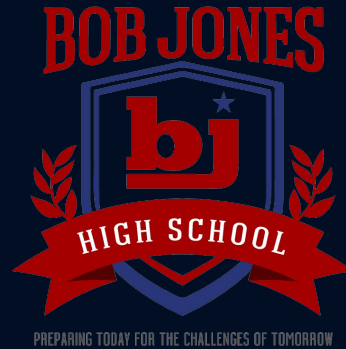


Rising Freshman

Class of 2027

Parent/Student Presentation



Feb 23, 2023

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Goals for tonight include briefly covering:

- Graduation requirements
- Core Course Options for 9th Grade
- Career/Technical Education (CTE) and Fine Arts courses
- AFROTC
- A sample high school schedule
- Grade Point Average (GPA), Weighted Courses, Grading
- Information regarding 4-year plans
- Additional items of importance

Alabama High School Graduation Requirements

The State of Alabama & Madison City Schools require the following to be completed to successfully graduate from high school:

| English (4.0) | Math (4.0) | Science (4.0) | Social Science (4.0) |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| English 9 | Geometry | Biology | World History |
| English 10 | Algebra 1 | Physical Science or Chemistry | US History I |
| English 11 | Algebra 2 | Additional Core Science | US History II |
| English 12 | Additional Core Math | Additional Core Science | US Gov/Economics |

Alabama High School Graduation Requirements

Continued...

| Required Electives (3.0) | Additional Requirements (2.5) | Additional Electives (4.5) | Total Credits Required |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Career/Tech Education | Health (0.5 CR) | ? | 26 |
| Fine Art | Career Prep | ? | |
| World Language | Beginning Kinesiology (Life PE) | ? | |
| ↑ <i>These can be mixed or 3 can come from one.</i> ↑ | | ? | |

9th Grade Core Courses

ENGLISH

English 9 | English 9 Pre-AP

English 9 Pre-AP requires additional reading and writing assignments.

SCIENCE

Biology | Biology Pre-AP

PreAP Biology is an accelerated course designed to prepare students for AP Biology. There is an obligation to do enrichment work outside the class, both individually and in groups. Students should be self-motivated and self-starters.

9th Grade Core Courses

MATH

Geometry | Geometry w/ WS Elective | Geometry PreAP

Depending on the student's skill level, taking math with an additional "Workshop" course for added support is an option

SOCIAL SCIENCE:

World History | AP World History

AP World History requires strong reading comprehension and critical thinking skills will be tested by essay writing, document analysis and outside reading assignments.

Participation in the national AP test is required in the spring.
(Exam fee required – Approximately \$95)

CTE, Foreign Language, & Fine Arts Requirements

- A student must have 3.0 credits that come from **ANY** CTE (Career Tech Ed), Fine Arts, and/or Foreign Language classes
- They can mix or match them, OR they can take all three from one of those categories.
- Students have all four years to meet this requirement.

Examples that meet the requirement:

- Spanish 1, Business Tech Applications (CTE) and Art 1 (Fine Art)
- Spanish 1, Spanish 2, and Spanish 3
- Latin 1, Art 1, and IT Fundamentals (CTE)

What Qualifies as a CTE Course?

Courses taken from the following areas of study:

Biomedical Science

Health Science

Engineering

Business Information Technology

Marketing Sales & Services

Fashion

Family Studies & Community Services

Finance

Education and Training

Hospitality and Tourism

Computer Science

Cybersecurity & Infrastructure

Building Science

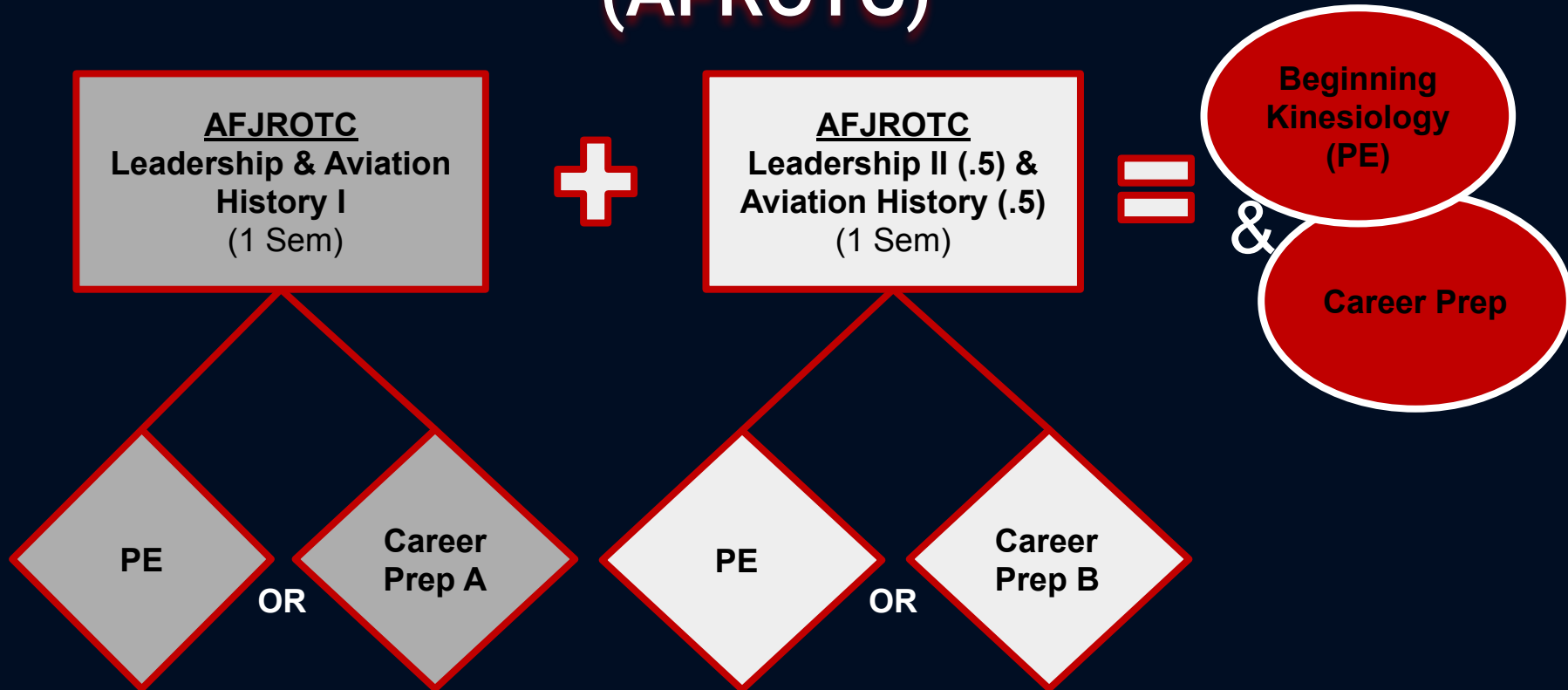
Air Force JROTC

What Qualifies as a Fine Arts Course?

- Theater Arts
- Performing Arts
 - Choir
 - Band/Dance
- Visual Arts



Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC)



Sample BJHS Schedule

| Fall Semester August- December | | | Break | Spring Semester January-May | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| BLOCK | 1st Term | 2nd Term | | 3rd Term | 4th Term | BLOCK |
| 1st | English 9 | | | AP World History | | 1st |
| 2nd | Geometry | | | Biology | | 2nd |
| 3rd | Spanish 1 | | | Spanish 2 | | 3rd |
| 4th | Career Prep | | | Theatre 1 | | 4th |
| 5th After School Courses | | | | Soccer | | 5th After School Courses |

In-School Athletic Teams

(During School)

Count AMONG the
8.0 credits in schedule

Fall & Spring

(Both Semesters)

Baseball Basketball

Football Softball

Wrestling Volleyball

Fall

Cheer

Spring

Tennis

Golf

5th Block Athletic Teams

(After School)

Taken IN ADDITION TO the 8.0
credits in schedule

Fall & Spring

Track

Fall

Bowling

Cross Country

Swimming/Diving

Spring

Soccer

Grade Point Average (GPA)

HIGH SCHOOL is really where your grades begin to count

FRESHMAN YEAR is probably the most important year as you will establish your GPA based on how you perform academically

GPA's are EASY to bring down but HARD to bring up.

| Letter Grade | % Range | Regular | Honors / Pre-AP | AP |
|--------------|---------|---------|-----------------|-----|
| A | 90-100 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 |
| B | 80-89 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| C | 70-79 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 |
| D | 65-69 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| F | 0-64 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Grading

Semester Courses (1.0)

Quarter 1 Grade **40%**

30% - Daily Grades
70% - Test Grades

+ Quarter 2 Grade **40%**

30% - Daily Grades
70% - Test Grades

+ Final Exam Grade **20%**

Final Course Grade

9-Week Courses (0.5)

Quarter Grade **80%**

30% - Daily Grades
70% - Test Grades

+ Final Exam Grade **20%**

Final Course Grade

Four Year Plans

- The Alabama Dept. of Education requires that students create a 4-year plan by ninth grade
- Counselors use ninth grade English classes to meet with the ninth grade students to create and/or update 4-year plans.
- When we visit classrooms, we use a paper copy of a 4-year plan, and students may choose to update them using their KUDER accounts. (al.kuder.com) → login with Clever

For Your Information...

FYI (For Your Information)

- Can my child repeat a course he/she has passed to earn a higher grade?

No.

- Can my child try out a class, and if he/she doesn't like it or the teacher does not teach based on his/her learning style, can the class be changed?

No.

- If my child is struggling academically in class who do I contact first?

A. Principal

B. Counselor

C. Child's Friend

D. The Teacher

Always start with the teacher when dealing with academic concerns.

FYI: Schedule Change Requests

What happens if a course my student requests is **unavailable**?

- We use **alternate requests** on course request forms
- At the outset of the fall semester there will be THREE DAYS to submit HARD COPY schedule change request forms to counselors
- All schedule “corrections” are free of charge
- All schedule **changes** (if permitted) will cost \$20



FYI: Schedule Change Requests

- You have an "EMPTY" spot in your schedule
 - You are missing a core class
 - You are missing a course or courses needed to meet graduation requirements.
 - You've already taken and passed a course in your schedule
 - Athletic PE or Band was left off your schedule, etc.
- You'd like a specific teacher
 - You want to have your classes at specific times or in a specific order
 - You requested a class, but now you no longer to want to take it
 - You don't like the teacher
 - You want to be in a class with a friend, etc.

These are considered schedule ***corrections***

YES!

These are considered schedule ***changes***

NO!!

Summer School 2023

What courses can my rising 9th-grade student take in summer school?

- **Career Prep**
- **Driver's Education** (must have permit prior to taking course)
- **Health**
- **Beginning Kinesiology (PE)**

2023 Summer School information should be posted to the website soon
(usually by April)

Registration will begin around beginning of MAY

With specific questions, you may email Mr. Tom Runnion

tcrunnion@madisontcity.k12.al.us

Start of School - Fall 2023

- Student schedules will be released in PowerSchool prior to the first day of classes
- First Day of High School: **August 2nd, 2023**
- All students will meet in an Advisory (homeroom) class to receive a hard copy of their schedule at the beginning of the day
- Hallways will have student ambassadors to guide students to their classrooms
- Open House will be held after school begins

Let's review your questions...

