

# Informational Meeting with Mrs. Green, School Counselor

Isabella High School  
Information as of May 20, 2024

\*The information found in this PowerPoint applies to students of Isabella High School. Some information may be different for students at other schools.

# Agenda

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- Early Graduation
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# Alabama High School Graduation Requirements

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# Alabama High School Graduation Requirements

- Class of 2026 & 2027
  - [https://www.alabamaachieves.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/INSTRUCSER\\_GradRegs\\_20240304\\_AHSGRequirements-2026-2027\\_V1.0.pdf](https://www.alabamaachieves.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/INSTRUCSER_GradRegs_20240304_AHSGRequirements-2026-2027_V1.0.pdf)
- Class of 2028 & Beyond
  - [https://www.alabamaachieves.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/INSTRUCSER\\_GradRegs\\_20240304\\_AHSGRequirements-2028\\_V1.0.pdf](https://www.alabamaachieves.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/INSTRUCSER_GradRegs_20240304_AHSGRequirements-2028_V1.0.pdf)
- Credits
  - 24 credits are required for Graduation (but must meet all requirements for classes too)
- Additional Requirements
  - Alabama Civics Exam (take in 12th Grade)
  - Financial Literacy Exam (will take with Career Prep - effects the Class of 2028 & Beyond)

# College & Career Readiness (CCR)

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# How does a student “CCR” by Graduation?


High school graduates are classified as college and career ready (CCR) if they meet at least one of the following criteria.

- **Score college ready in at least one subject on the ACT**
  - A benchmark score on any section of the ACT test (English-18; Science-23; Reading-22; Math-22)
- **Score at the silver level or above on the WorkKeys Assessment**
  - ACT WorkKeys- Silver or higher certificate (a score of 4 or higher on each of the three subtests)
- **Earn a passing score on an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate Exam (college-level courses delivered in high schools)**
  - A qualifying score (3) on an AP or (4) or higher on an IB exam
- **Successfully earn a Career Technical Education credential**
  - The student must earn a credential on the approved list for the CTE program declared at the school. The student must be declared in that program.
- **Career Technical Education Completer**
  - The student must complete three courses in one CTE program as outlined by the ALSDE, and have earned a 70 or higher in each of the three courses (i.e., Family Consumer Science, Food, Sports Nutrition)
- **Career Technical Education Apprenticeship**
  - The student must complete the requirements for completing an In-School Youth Apprenticeship as defined by the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship
- **Earn dual enrollment credit at a college or university**
  - One transcribed college/postsecondary credit while in high school, with a minimum grade of “D”
- **Successfully enlist in the military**
  - Documented acceptance for enlistment into the military. The student must enlist in a branch of the military before graduating high school. An official letter from the recruiter stating the student has enlisted.

# CCR Facts

- Of the 55 possible graduates we have - 47 (possibly more) have met CCR requirements
- The Graduating Class of 2026 (this year's 10th grade class) has to CCR to Graduate. Any class after 2026 has to meet CCR to graduate.

## Where do they most likely get off track?

- Not scoring a 70 or higher average in all 3 Ag classes
  - Dropping out of LCTC
  - Homeschooled for credit bearing courses during 9th-12th grade
  - Moving around to different schools (messes up their CTE pathways)
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# Scheduling, Course Requirements for Each Grade Level

\*Course offerings are specific to Isabella High School. Scheduling information listed is what is typical for our students - unless it's in bold. Items in bold for 9th-12th are requirements for all students to earn a high school diploma in the state of Alabama.



# 7th & 8th Grade Scheduling

- All 7th & 8th Grade students will take the same courses in the 2024-2025 school year.
- 7th Grade
  - English Language Arts, Mathematics, Life Science, Civics, Geography, Technology Education/Computer Science Course, and Physical Education
- 8th Grade
  - English Language Arts, Mathematics, Physical Science, World History to 1500, Technology Education/Computer Science Course, and Physical Education



# 9th Grade

(Courses in Bold are required for Graduation)

**English 9** (Honors or Standard)

**Geometry w/Data Analysis** (Honors or Standard)

**World History** (Honors or Standard)

**Biology** (Honors or Standard)

**Beginning Kinesiology\***

**Career Preparedness\***

Fundamentals of Agriscience\*

Sociology\* (Typically for 9A)

Math Elective\* (Typically for 9B)

History Elective\* (Typically for 9C)

\*Not an Honors Course



# 10th Grade

(Courses in Bold are required for Graduation)

**English 10** (Honors or Standard)

**Algebra I w/Probability** (Honors or Standard)

**US History I** (Honors or Standard)

**Chemistry** (Honors)

**Physical Science** (Standard)\*

**Health (1/2 credit)\***

Driver's Education (1/2 credit)\*


Intermediate Agriscience\*

Elective from ACCESS (Typically for 10A)\*

Math Elective\* (Typically for 10B)

Forensic Science\* (Typically for 10C)

\*Not an Honors Course



# 11th Grade

(Courses in Bold are required for Graduation)

**English 11** (Honors or Standard)

**Algebra II w/Statistics** (Honors or Standard)

**US History II** (Honors or Standard)

**Human Anatomy & Physiology** (Honors)

**Environmental Science** (Standard)\*

Speech I\*

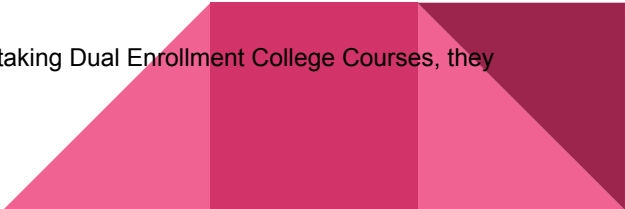
Advanced Agriscience\*

Strength & Conditioning\*

Elective from ACCESS (Typically for 11A)\*

\*Not an Honors Course

At this point, schedules start to change a lot – students may be enrolled in CTE courses at LCTC, they may be taking Dual Enrollment College Courses, they may be taking courses on ACCESS, or they may be taking other electives offered at IHS.



# 12th Grade

(Courses in Bold are required for Graduation)

**English 12** (Honors or Standard)

**Precalculus** (Honors)

**Algebra w/Finance** (Standard)\*

**Government & Economics** (Honors or Standard)

**Physics** (Honors)

**Earth Science** (Standard)\*

Drama Introduction\*

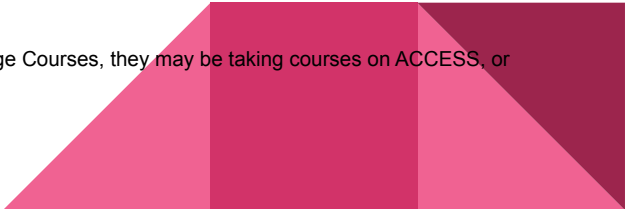
Applied Agriscience\*

Advanced Kinesiology\*

Elective from ACCESS (Typically for 12A)\*

\*Not an Honors Course

Schedules often differ at this point – students may be continuing in CTE courses at LCTC, they may be taking Dual Enrollment College Courses, they may be taking courses on ACCESS, or they may be taking other electives offered at IHS.



# Other Important Information...

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# Honors Courses vs. Standard Courses

- Honors Course are on a weighted scale. This affects GPA. An additional .5 is added to the weight of each honors course.
- Standard courses do not carry additional weight.
- Not all courses required for Graduation can be taken as honors courses.
- Think about what is best for your child. Consider the rigor involved in Honors courses. Think about your child's goals and future plans.



# GPA

- GPA Begins in the 9th grade. Each course your child takes either positively or negatively affects their GPA. An A = 4 pts, a B = 3pts, a C = 2pts, a D = 1pt, and F = 0pts.
- Driver's Ed is not an honors course. It is also not required for Graduation. It is a ½ credit course that many students and parents choose so that their child can obtain their Driver's License, and the parents can get a discount on their insurance. It can negatively impact your child's GPA due to the fact that it is not an honors course. You can take the course without credit. You have to decide on the form if you want to take the course for credit or not.





# VAL/SAL

- The current Chilton County School System has the GPA for Valedictorian status set at a 4.25.
- Any students that scores a 4.25 or higher will be named a Valedictorian.
- Each school can only have one Salutatorian (unless there is a tie).
- The Salutatorian is the next person in line under each student named Valedictorian.




# LeCroy Career Technical Center (LCTC)

- Students typically apply and interview for LCTC near the end of their 10th grade year.
- Current programs offered at LCTC:
  - Automotive Service Technology
  - Building and Construction
  - Collision Repair Technology
  - Cosmetology
  - Education and Training
  - Electrical and Industrial Maintenance
  - Health Science
  - HVACR (Heating and Air)
  - STEM (can apply early and take STEM classes in 10th grade)
  - Utility Line Worker
  - Welding



# Dual Enrollment

- Students typically do this through Jefferson State Community College here in Clanton. However, there are other options.
  - Auburn First & UA Early College (options for students interested in attending these schools after graduation - contact Mrs. Green for more info)
  - Students have to meet eligibility/admission requirements set by the college.
  - Students are responsible for their own transportation if they are commuting to a class.
  - Parents are responsible for the cost of these college courses.
  - Courses are weighted (GPA) and college credit can be earned.
  - Think about what is best for your child and consider their future plans.
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# ACCESS Courses - offered for 2023-2024



## Web-Based Instruction (WBI) and Franchise Courses Available Fall 2023 - Spring 2024 9th - 12th Grade Courses

### CAREER PREPAREDNESS

Career Preparedness A & B	(½ each)
Career Preparedness	(1)

### CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Accounting	(1)
Business Software Applications	(1)
Career Mathematics	(1) CR 1, 2
Dietetics	(1)
Forensic Science & Criminal Investigation	(1) CR 2
Forestry	(1)
Intro to Digital Literacy & Computer Science	(1) *SM 1, 2
Programming Foundations	(1) *SM
Web Development	(1)
Workforce Readiness	(1)
AP Computer Science A	(1) *SM 1, 2

### ELECTIVES

Content Textual Reading	(½)
Creative Writing	(1)
Human Geography	(1)
Journalism I	(½)
Multicultural Workplaces: Korean	(½)
Personal Finance	(½)
Psychology	(½)
Sociology	(½)
Web Design II	(1) *SM

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

English 9*	(1) CR
English 10*	(1) CR
English 11*	(1) CR
English 12*	(1) CR

### FINE ARTS

Dance, Elements of Art Literacy	(½)
Music, Elements of Art Literacy	(½)
Theatre, Elements of Art Literacy	(½)
Visual Arts, Elements of Art Literacy	(½)
Introduction to Theatre I	(1)

### MATHEMATICS

Geometry w/ Data Analysis	(1) CR
Algebra I w/ Probability	(1) CR
Algebra II w/ Statistics	(1) CR
Applications of Finite Mathematics	(1) CR
Mathematical Modeling	(1) CR
Precalculus	(1)
Algebra w/ Finance	(1) CR

### WORLD LANGUAGES

French I	(1)
French II	(1)
French III	(1)
German I	(1)
German II	(1)
German III	(1)
Latin I	(1)
Latin II	(1)
Latin III	(1)
Mandarin Chinese I	(1)
Mandarin Chinese II	(1)
Spanish I	(1)
Spanish II	(1)
Spanish III	(1)
Spanish IV	(1)

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

Health Education	(½)
Beginning Kinesiology	(1)

### SCIENCE

Biology	(1) CR
Chemistry	(1) CR
Earth & Space Science	(1) CR
Environmental Science	(1) CR
Human Anatomy and Physiology	(1) CR
Physical Science	(1) CR
Physics	(1)

### SOCIAL STUDIES

World History: 1500 to Present (9th)	(1) CR
United States History I (10th)	(1) CR
United States History II (11th)	(1) CR
Economics	(½) CR
United States Government	(½) CR

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP Psychology	(1) SM
AP Art History	(1)
AP English Language/Composition	(1) SM
AP English Literature/Composition	(1) SM
AP United States History	(1) SM
AP Macroeconomics	(½)
AP U.S. Government and Politics	(½)
AP Biology	(1) SM
AP Calculus AB	(1) *
AP Statistics	(1) *SM
AP Computer Science A	(1) *SM 1, 2

SM – This course requires supplementary materials - See ACCESS course description for specific details (materials are the responsibility of the LEA).

CR– Available in Credit Recovery Mode  
1 - This course has embedded Mathematics credit. 2 - This course has embedded Science credit.  
The number in the ( ) is recommended credit. Course credit is awarded by the LEA.


\* - Because this course requires specific software downloads and/or Java, it is not suitable for Chromebooks and other mobile devices.

### Videoconferencing Instruction (VCI) Courses

ACCESS Virtual Learning offers a variety of courses that are taught using the VCI method of delivery. Go to [accessdl.state.al.us](https://accessdl.state.al.us) for more information.

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# Advanced Placement (AP Courses)

- At IHS these courses are taken online through ACCESS.
  - The courses are extremely rigorous.
  - They are on a weighted scale (GPA) and require that students take the AP exam that coincides with the course in order to be able to receive the weighted credit for these courses.
  - Parents are responsible for paying the cost for the exam.
  - Students cannot drop these courses once they choose to enroll.
  - Parents and students are required to meet with Mrs. Green and sign required paperwork before enrolling in AP courses.
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# State Testing

Required by the State of Alabama for Students in Grades 7-12

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# ACT WorkKeys

- Students take this in the fall of their 12th grade year.
- They are tested on Applied Mathematics, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents.
- Students that do not benchmark on their original assessment are required to retake the sections they failed. The first assessment is in the fall and the second is in the Spring.
- Our students are enrolled in a free WorkKeys prep score in the start of the 12th grade year (some we start in 11th grade).
- Many employers require this test for their employees.
  - The cut score for a Silver Certificate and the Benchmark for accountability is a 4 or above on all sections of WorkKeys for CCR. Employers may require different scores.



## Scale Score Interpretation Guide

In response to client need for finer-grained score reporting options for the ACT® WorkKeys® assessments, ACT created a Scale Score for the assessments. This document helps in understanding the WorkKeys Scale Score by explaining what the score is, how it can be used, and how it was developed.

Applied Math	
Scale Score	Level Score
65-71	< 3
72-75	3
76-79	4
80-82	5
83-85	6
86-90	7

Graphic Literacy	
Scale Score	Level Score
65-71	< 3
72-75	3
76-77	4
78-81	5
82-85	6
86-90	7

Workplace Documents	
Scale Score	Level Score
65-71	< 3
72-76	3
77-80	4
81-82	5
83-85	6
86-90	7



# WorkKeys

**ACT**® WorkKeys®  
NCRC®



**Level 3  
or Higher**



**Level 4  
or Higher**




**Level 5  
or Higher**



**Level 6  
or Higher**

# ACT + Writing

- Students take this in the spring of 11th grade.
  - They can take it several more times, but it is only administered and paid for once by the state.
  - They are tested on English, Reading, Math, Science, and Writing
  - Many colleges moved away from ACT scores during COVID, but we are now seeing the trend turn back to required ACT scores.
    - For example, both Auburn and Alabama will be test scores required (instead of optional) for fall 2024 applications.
  - Our students are enrolled in a free ACT Prep Course at the start of their 11th grade year.
  - Students and Parents should visit the ACT website to find additional testing information (dates, testing locations, etc.)
  - If students need their ACT scores sent to a college, they have to request and pay for this through ACT. Mrs. Green cannot send these for you.
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# ACT + Writing

What is considered benchmark (CCR) for the state of Alabama for the ACT?

Reading - 22


English - 18

Math - 22

Science - 23



# PreACT

- Students take this in the fall of 10th grade.
  - They are tested on English, Reading, Math, Science.
  - This test is designed to prepare students for the ACT. It cannot be used in place of ACT scores.
  - It gives students a predicted range for a composite score for the ACT.
  - This test sets the baseline for growth for the ACT for 11th grade (the following year).
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# ACAP & i-Ready

## ACAP


- Students in Grades 2-8 takes this in the Spring.
- Students in all grades 2-8 take and English Language Arts Exam and a Math Exam.
- Students in Grades 4, 6, & 8 take a Science Exam as well.

## i-Ready


- Students in all grades will be assessed in some way with i-Ready for the 2024-2025 school year. Most grades are assessed in Reading and Math.




# Early Graduation

- Requires that the student be on track for Graduation
  - Requires that they have at least one CCR credential or standard
  - May require them to accelerate their studies by way of Summer School
    - Parents are responsible for paying for the courses in Summer School.
  - They cannot return Spring semester for events like prom or sports
    - They can return for Senior Activities (Graduation, Senior Night, Baccalaureate, etc.)
  - Parents/Guardians should keep in mind that this could change Insurance Coverage and Social Security Benefits for their children.
  - Students need to start planning earlier than senior year to do Early Graduation. They will need to meet with Mrs. Green to see if this is an option for them.
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# Co-Op

- Mr. Ray Sosa coordinates Co-Op students for Chilton County Schools.
  - Students are required to have a licensed employer that holds a child labor certificate.
  - Students need to have a reliable employer so that they can get the required work hours they need for each work.
  - At IHS this works best for students in the afternoon.
  - Students have to be on-track for Graduation and have a free block or two in their schedule to accommodate Co-Op.
  - Paperwork has to be completed and students have to be approved for Co-Op.
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# Senior Year

- Scholarship Information is provided to students through a Google Classroom.
  - A complete FAFSA or FAFSA Waiver is required for Graduation.
  - There are a lot of costs associated with Senior Year. Prepare early.
  - Encourage your students to be responsible and communicate information with you.
  - If your child is trying to obtain a certain scholarship - they need to make sure they are aware of the requirements. GPA and ACT scores are often determining factors.
  - Students and parents will have to work together to complete things like the FAFSA or college/scholarship applications.
  - Do NOT wait until the last minute on things.
  - Parent Help - Mrs. Green will need parent volunteers to assist with certain senior functions.
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# Questions?

Mrs. Green's Email: [jhgreen@chiltonboe.com](mailto:jhgreen@chiltonboe.com)

\*IHS School Counselors are 10 month employees. We work some additional days in the summer but are not at the school every day. Email is the best way to reach us outside of the normal school year.

**THANK YOU for taking time  
and learning about ways to  
help your child be successful  
in high school!!!**