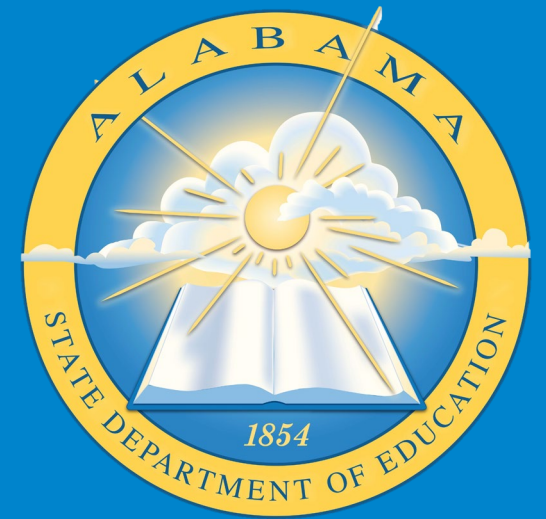


Counseling & Guidance ALSDE Updates

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Career Coaches
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AL Career Planning System
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Career Preparedness Course



School Counseling Programs in Alabama

FY2020 State Allocations

ADM	727,464
School Counselors	1531.00
School Counselor to Student Ratio:	1:475
Career Coaches	98



Data-Driven School Counseling Programs

A Data-Driven School Counseling Program:

- **Informs the decisions made at each stage of program delivery and assessment.**
- **Reviews existing data to determine what services are needed to address opportunity or achievement gaps.**
- **Helps school staff understand an issue.**
- **Creates systemic change in schools.**



Compliance Monitoring



Dual Enrollment



Curriculum Update



MATH AND MATH-ELIGIBLE CREDIT COURSES

Once a student completes the mathematics courses required for graduation (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II), the 4th and/or the 5th math decision is up to what the LEA will allow. This would include dual enrollment mathematics courses.

***NOTE**—Algebraic Connections must be taken between Geometry and Algebra II and must never be the final math course a student takes.



MATH AND MATH-ELIGIBLE CREDIT COURSES

It is imperative that a student's plans for college or postsecondary should be considered when selecting a mathematics-credit eligible course:

Career Mathematics (400024)

AP Computer Science A, AP (520007)

AP Computer Science Principles (520018)

***NOTE—Career Mathematics or Algebra with Finance may serve as a substitute for Algebra II. Career Mathematics or Algebra with Finance may be taken before or after Algebra II.**



SCIENCE AND SCIENCE-ELIGIBLE CREDIT COURSES

The following Career and Technical Education courses are science-credit eligible. Teachers holding the appropriate science certifications and those with appropriate Career and Technical Education certification may teach the courses below for science credit.

- Forensic and Criminal Investigations (410025)
- Plant Biotechnology (420053)
- Aquaculture Science (420037)
- Introduction to Biotechnology (490041)
- PLTW Principles of Engineering (560016)
- AP Computer Science A, AP (520007)
- AP Computer Science Principles (520018)



SCIENCE AND SCIENCE-ELIGIBLE CREDIT COURSES

The following Career and Technical Education courses contain similar content as courses in the *2015 Alabama Course of Study: Science*. Students may not receive science credit for both courses.

- **Chemistry of Food (510013)**—similar content as **Chemistry (220061)**
- **Environmental Management (420026)**—similar content as **Environmental Science (220029)**
- **Human Body Structures and Functions (490015)**—similar content as **Human Anatomy and Physiology (220026)**
- **PLTW Human Body Systems (490043)**—similar content as **Human Anatomy and Physiology (220026)**



PowerSchool Student Information System



Student Records & Transcripts



Transcript Areas of Major Concern

- **Transcripts/Student Records not secure or non-existent**
- **Courses not aligned with the graduation requirements (Example—CTE/FA/FL, Science)**
- **Credit Recovery vs. Credit Advancement**
- **Falsifying Course Names & Grades on Transcripts (Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, Virtual Courses)**
- **AP Courses/Teachers not approved by College Board**
- **Inaccurate calculation of GPAs**
- **Inaccurate calculation of course grades**
- **Changing transcript components without administrative directive**



E-Learning Opportunities for Counselors

Fall 2019

College and Career Advising in the Elementary Grades (August 1)

- Developing A College-Going Culture in Your Elementary School
- Helping Elementary Teachers, Students and Families Understand the Value and Affordability of Postsecondary Education
- Engaging Elementary Students in Self-Exploration of Career Interests and Skills
- Equity and Design Interventions for At-Risk Students
- Preparing Students for Academic and Career Success

College and Career Advising for Educators: A Module for Teacher Advisors (October 1)

Maximizing SC Impact on Student Success: A Module For Administrators (February 1)



Alabama College Application Campaign Cash for College Initiative

Alabama College Application Campaign/Cash for College

November 4-8, 2019

- **Willietta Conner, Education Specialist** wconner@alsde.edu
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FAFSA/College Summer Melt Project



Upcoming Events for Counseling/Guidance Staff

ALACRAO School Counselor Workshop

July 24, 2019—Auburn University-Montgomery

July 25, 2019—Calhoun Community College-Decatur

Student Records and Transcript Best Practices Workshops

September 17, 2019—Athens

September 18, 2019—Birmingham

September 24, 2019—Montgomery

September 25, 2019—Mobile

ALSCA Critical Issues in Alabama Schools

October 3-4, 2019—Birmingham-Southern College

ALCA Annual Conference

November 13-15, 2019 Montgomery



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