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To: High School Principals, Registrars, Counselors, and AP Teachers  
From: Rhonda Stringham, AP Supervisor  
Date: August 6, 2008  
Re: AP Policy Revision

The following is an explanation of the revision to the 2007-2008 Advanced Placement (AP) Policy. This revision was approved by the Board on July 15, 2008.

Students enrolled in an AP course are strongly encouraged to take that course's AP exam. A 1.0 weight will be added to transcripts if students successfully complete an AP course and take the AP examination. A 0.5 weight will be added to transcripts if students successfully complete an AP course but choose not to take the AP examination. This policy must be communicated to students and their parents. Attached is the *Baldwin County Public Schools Advanced Placement Program Student and Parent Information* form that documents understanding of this policy. Please keep all signed forms in a file in your classroom.

Students who take AP courses during the fall semester must pay for the AP exam by the last school day in August. Students who take AP courses during the spring semester must pay for the exam by the last school day in January.

Several Advanced Placement grants may be available in the fall to help subsidize the cost of AP examinations. However, there is no guarantee that Baldwin County will receive grant money. Therefore, it is necessary that students and parents are made aware of and plan for test expenses.

Please note that the Baldwin County Board of Education requires an annual report on the AP Program in our county. The report lists AP teachers, the number of students enrolled in each AP course, the number of students who take AP exams, and a cumulative score report for each AP course per school.

Thank you for your leadership and for your support of Advanced Placement Program in Baldwin County.

cc: Dr. Pamela Henson, Director  
Secondary Supervisors