

AVALON HIGH SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS 2011-2012

Avalon High School is an accredited, private, four-year institution geared toward helping students that may not be equipped to handle the rigors of a large traditional high school setting. Avalon School provides an environment that is smaller in size and able to provide more individualized instruction.

The Avalon student is on track to enter the work force, prepare for technical or vocational trades, or take the college placement test at a two-year or community college to see if he or she possesses the requisite array of skills and competencies necessary to compete at that level.

The Avalon high school diploma is documentation that the student has completed a four-year, academic high school program and maintained a 2.0 GPA that can be submitted as verification to any arena described in our stated expectations. Students completing their high school experience with a GPA below 2.0 will receive a diploma of attendance that may not transfer as successfully to the arenas described in our stated expectations.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT:

Avalon High School students are held to a high standard of accountability in regards to behavior and character development. Extremes in behavior, dress or attitude are not accepted. Uniforms are required for all students. No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or aggression will be tolerated. Students and teachers are expected to work together in harmony toward creating a cohesive and collaborative learning environment each day.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

All high school students must complete two community service activities each year as part of their overall school program. One activity will be on campus and one activity off campus. The school will organize both activities for the students.

CURRICULUM:

The Avalon School curriculum follows a traditional academic model for the liberal arts, while keeping state recognized goals firmly in sight. Each

course utilizes the Pace-Maker curriculum designed especially for the ESE student. These textbooks have high-interest topics, real-life skill application and carefully controlled reading levels. The content is presented in an easy-to-follow design and with straight forward language. Each course follows the Sunshine Standards.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS:

Academic accommodations for learning differences are made within the classroom setting by the teacher, curriculum and instruction specialist, and principal. Class sizes are based on a 12:1 student teacher ratio to ensure that individual assistance is readily available.

COURSE LIST FOR 2010-2011

9 th Grade	Credit	10 th Grade	Credit
Into to Literature	1	World Literature	1
Basic English	1	English Composition	1
Algebra I	1	Algebra I/	1
Earth Science	1	Biology	1
World Geography	1	World History	1
Life Management	.5	Elective	1
Fitness	.5		
11 th Grade	Credit	12 th Grade	Credit
American Literature II	1	American Literature II	1
English III	1	English IV	1
Geometry	1	Practical Math	1
American History	1	American Gov. /Economics	1
Spanish	1	Spanish	1
Elective	1	Elective	1

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Avalon High School has two 18-week semesters. Students earn one credit for each full-year subject passed or one-half credit for each semester length course passed. Classes meet 250 minutes per week for each 18-week semester. Students must earn 24 credits to graduate. A student may be asked to complete a fifth year of high school if it is determined by the Administration, staff, and parents that successful completion of course work is unsatisfactory. This determination will be implemented at the beginning of the senior year and the course work will be geared toward a fifth year for completion.

TOTAL CREDITS:

All credits earned for subjects passed may be transferred to any private or public high school. Graduation requirements may vary from school to school. Students with an ESE status should enroll in an ESE program if they transfer to a traditional public school setting. The public school reserves the rights to require students to pass the FCAT and complete any course work they deem necessary in order to fulfill their graduation requirements.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

All high school students will complete a semester exam for each academic course attempted which will count as one fifth of the overall course grade.

All students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average throughout their stay at Avalon. If a student falls below the required 2.0 grade point, summer school will be required. No student may receive an Avalon School Diploma with below a 2.0 grade point average. A diploma of attendance will be issued for students who do not maintain the required 2.0 GPA.

Any student scoring an F in an academic course for any semester must re-take the course. This may be taken during the summer or the fall term of the fifth year of high school. Students that are not able to maintain a 2.0 GPA by the end of their high school experience will graduate with a diploma of attendance

GRADING SCALE

GRADE	NUMERIC RANGE	VALUE
A	90-100	4.0
B	80-89	3.0
C	70-79	2.0
D	60-69	1.0
F	0-59	0.0
I	Incomplete	0.0
P	Pass	0.0

POST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PREPARATION:

Avalon School offers course work in life-management and life skills development throughout their four-year program. This course work provides opportunities for students to explore and understand the world around them, as well as, practice in goal setting and establish realistic expectations for their future. Student who wish to obtain more advanced studies must take the SAT or ACT. This needs to be pursued at the beginning of the school year.

Parents are encouraged to attend each of the parent-teacher conferences in order to remain involved and aware of their child's progress through high school. Important information can be gathered at these meetings to help the parents plan opportunities for their children after high school.

Students with an IEP have many options for further education and vocational training. Students along with their parents should meet with the Shafers early in the school year to discuss future plans.

ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS:

You can order your class rings from Herff Jones at the beginning of the school year.

STUDENT AND PARENT AGREEMENT FORM

Signature of students and parents are required for the child to be officially enrolled in Avalon School for the 2011-2012 school year.

SIGNATURES ARE DUE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE AUGUST 26th

We have read and understand all the information in the 2011-2012 Avalon School Parent Student Handbook. We will support the policies outlined in this handbook. We understand and agree to the financial requirements for Avalon School.

Student's Name _____

____ Yes, I want to take the SAT or ACT.

____ No, I do not want to take the SAT or ACT.

____ I would like information on vocational training.

Please return this page with both signatures to the school office before August 26th, 2011.

I have read the information in this packet and understand all the policies outlined above.

Parent signature

Student signature

