Blackwell High School
Alternative Education Program
Student Manual

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Computer Lab–Victory Hall Room V-8

Principal: Gerry Magin
Director: Tyler Shinn

Maroon Academy Schedule 2026-2027

M-Th 9:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.	**Mr. Shinn**
Students are expected to attend all four days for the entire time. ***Students must have a 16-hour average over 4 weeks.*** **Note: Individual/group counseling, life skills, and arts will be offered during class time on a regular basis.**	
Lunch break- Students eat <u>on campus</u> from 11:25 AM-11:55 AM.	

GUIDELINES for Alternative School (Revised April 2026)

- **Before starting coursework, students must do the following:**

    1. **Complete a screening process with the Director, Counselor, or Principal.**
    2. **Clear holds and fines from previous school.**
    3. **Sign Internet release form and Chromebook agreement.**
    4. **Present a transcript and attendance records of the previous semester.**
    5. **Complete an individual instruction plan with the counselor/director.**
    6. **Sign a contract agreeing to abide by school rules.**
    7. **Complete enrollment papers**

Blackwell High School Student agenda rules apply to Alt. Ed. Students

- ***Former grades from another school do not "go with" a student. Each student starts each class new unless arrangements have been made otherwise. Credits are based on open entry. Students will start an individual program as they enter.***
- ***Students must demonstrate progress by completing at least 3.5 credits for the Fall Semester (August through December) and 3.5 credits for the Spring Semester (January through May).***
- **Students must achieve 60% to earn a credit in a class in Edgenuity online curriculum.**
- **Courses may be offered that are not offered in the traditional high school.**
- **Students will not be considered part of the program until s/he "proves themselves" (2 weeks of good attendance).**
- **Students may participate in the program up to 22 years of age.**
- **All students may exit the program as soon as the Oklahoma State and Blackwell Board of Education requirements are finished. Diplomas are issued each June.**
- **Students are able to participate in extracurricular school activities if they choose unless activities interfere with school hours.**
- **Counseling will be provided for all students. Individual, group, and career counseling will be offered. If a student desires, he/she will be referred to other community services.**
- **Prom: Students may attend the prom if they meet the following criteria:**

1. **Currently enrolled in school "in good standing" (not graduated)**
2. **Attendance status is acceptable. (*No student who has been dropped due to lack of attendance or who is currently under suspension will be allowed to attend.)***
3. **<u>Anyone graduating at Christmas is not eligible to attend prom</u>.**
4. **Students are classified as a Junior or Senior and their original Graduation date has not passed.**
5. **This is a formal affair and dress must be appropriate.**
6. **Rules in the student handbook must be followed.**
7. **Dates do not have to attend BHS. See rules in handbook.**

- **<u>No tobacco, vapes, alcohol, or other prohibited drugs are allowed in the building</u>. [Reference the student handbook]**

ADDITIONAL RULES:

- **<u>Once in the building the student CANNOT leave the building.</u>**
- **Come prepared every day with your Chromebook and Charger.**
- **Completing your 16 weekly hours early in the week does not mean we take the rest of the week off. Class time is to be spent working.**
- **Cell phones are NOT allowed unless calling or texting for a ride.**
- **No Facebook or other social media is allowed.**
- **No YouTube or music since the student is listening to online lessons.**
- **Any other questions: refer to the Blackwell High School handbook.**
- **Seniors: <u>*must do a final checkout with Director*</u>**

Graduation Credits: Blackwell High School Alternative School

- **The school handbook can be viewed on the school website. Please visit: www.blackwell.k12.ok.us**
- **Students entering will be required to earn the same number of credits as their graduating class.**
- **Students must earn <u>3.5</u> credits each semester to remain in the program.**
- **Seniors must meet the required credits to graduate (<u>25 credits</u>). There is no limit on credits earned per year.**

- **Students may graduate before their original graduation date…the diploma will follow in June.**

- **Pioneer Technology Center credits can be counted toward graduation.**

- **A student must have <u>all credits</u> complete in order to participate in graduation**

- **Under no circumstances will graduates be permitted to display any item outside the graduation gown or cap that does not have prior approval. Proper attire at the graduation will consist of the following: (any graduate who deviates from the listed appropriate attire will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremonies.)**

Boys: Dress pants, dress shoes, socks, shirt with collar and a tie.

Girls: Dress or dress pants and dress shoes.

- ***If a student has a problem acquiring the dress attire, please see the alternative education director or the principal.***

ATTENDANCE POLICY/CONTRACT: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

Attendance time will be recorded. If satisfactory time is not shown the student will be dropped from the program. An average of 16 hours per week is required. Student will be placed on probation if a student has less than 48 hours attendance over a semester. A meeting will take place with the guardian/parent to discuss options.

- **<u>Four days</u> of continuous absence without notifying Alternative Staff and/or bringing a note from a doctor or employer will result in a conference and a "special" attendance contract for the student. If the new agreement is not followed, the student will be dropped from the program.**

- **Student will be dropped if continuously absent <u>10 days in a row regardless of reason for absence. Reinstatement will depend on the reason for absence</u>. This is a directive from the State Department of Alternative Education.**

- **<u>If a student is dropped</u>, he/she must reapply, re enroll and possibly go to the end of the "waiting list" before being allowed to reenter the program.**

- **Illness: students are required to present documentation from a doctor when absent for illness. This applies when a student/parent has a sick child.**

- **Maternity: Students absent from the program for maternity reasons need a note from their doctor stating "beginning and ending dates" for maternity leave. Students will be notified as to maximum maternity leave allowed. After 10 days student status will be "dropped". Status may**

be reinstated with the doctor's note pending previous attendance record and medical condition. The father of a new baby will be allowed 4 days of maternity leave. He will then need to return to school and attend regularly.

- **If a senior student only lacks PTC or work credit to finish graduation requirements, He/she must "check in" with Alternative Director and/or designated Alternative Staff on a weekly basis. If student is not checking in regularly *they may be dropped from the program and will not graduate.***

POLICY-SCHOOL LUNCH

- **The Blackwell Alternative Program offers the Free Lunch Program this year for everyone.**
- **If they choose, students may bring their own sack lunch or purchase snacks from the machines if available.**
- **The Alternative program will have on campus lunches only. No off campus activities during school hours from 9:15am-2:15pm. If you do not want the free lunch you can bring a sack lunch if you wish. Please come prepared!**

EDGENUITY ONLINE COURSEWARE

- **Edgenuity includes direct instruction videos with step by step guidance to assist students on conceptual understanding of key skills, impart background knowledge, place concepts into real-world context and allows students to learn at their own pace.**
- **Virtual Labs recreate and expand the traditional student laboratory experience. Fully interactive and built to encourage active learning, engagement and the application of conceptual understanding, Virtual labs provide a safe and immersive learning experience.**
- **There is a powerful writer's tool which encourages students to practice, revise and refine to achieve writing success. The writing tool scoring matrix provided continuous student feedback through all aspects of the writing process based on word count, grade level, readability, and topic agreement.**

LIFE SKILLS

- **Life Skills will be taught as a hands-on curriculum using individual instruction with a highly qualified teacher in that area.**

The signatures below indicate that the Blackwell Alternative Education Student Manual has been received, read, and accepted on the date indicated.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____