

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

*"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."*

I hope that everyone had a great summer. It is that time of year when I would like to welcome back the staff and students for what I believe will be another great year. Each school year represents a "new beginning" for personal, social and academic growth. So please take advantage of this opportunity and accept the challenge of a new year.

Our goal as a high school staff is to provide each and every student with an education that encourages and develops social and emotional growth, critical thought, analytical problem solving, leadership and citizenship. Therefore, I encourage students to take risks, undertake challenges, ask questions, become involved in school and community activities, and to leave their personal mark on Bayport-Blue Point High School.

As I reflect on the 2008-09 school year, let me share some facts regarding the graduating Class of 2009. One hundred eighty-one seniors received a diploma, 96% of whom received that diploma with a Regents endorsement; of that 96%, 64%, or (104) students, received that diploma with an Advanced Regents endorsement; and of that 64%, 39% or (41) students received that diploma with an Advanced Regents with Honors endorsement. To earn this honor, students must maintain an average of 90 or better on their N.Y.S. Regents. Fifty-nine percent, or (101) students, will attend a four-year college and/or university; 35%, or (60) students, will attend a two-year college; 1% are going into the military and 4% are working full-time. Other accomplishments include, but are not limited to, our excellent Regents results. In order to receive a Regents Diploma, students are required to pass (5) N.Y.S. Regents with a score of 65 or better. Listed below are those required Regents, along with the percentage of students that passed each of the required exams this past June.

English	98%
Integrated Algebra	98%
Living Environment	99%
Global History & Geo.	95%
U.S. History	98%

One of the goals from the past year, which will remain a goal for the upcoming school year, was to raise the mastery rate for each exam, which

represents the number of students that scored an 85 or better.

Therefore, I am happy to share with you that on each of the N.Y.S. Regents listed below, the mastery rate increased by 3% or more when comparing the 2007-08 school year with the 2008-09 school year.

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| 1. English            | 5. Physics             |
| 2. Integrated Algebra | 6. Global Hist. & Geo. |
| 3. Earth Science      | 7. French              |
| 4. Living Environment |                        |

These results are truly impressive and are a tribute to the students, parents and the teachers. It is due to the collaborative efforts of everyone that results like these are possible.

During December 2008, the Bayport-Blue Point Board of Education approved the following new courses. I am happy to share with you that because of student interest, each course is being offered this upcoming school year.

1. AP Psychology
2. AP Statistics
3. Mathematics & Financial Applications
4. Integrated Algebra M
5. Integrated Geometry M
6. College Topics M
7. Sports & Entertainment Marketing
8. AP Music Theory
9. Fashion Illustration
10. Digital Photography
11. Digital Media
12. Sports Medicine II
13. Current Issues

Needless to say, I am extremely excited for the upcoming school year. It is because of a strong commitment from students, teachers and parents that we are able to raise the bar for everyone, which we will continue to do. Thank you for your support, and please do not hesitate to contact me. Enjoy the rest of your summer and have a great school year!

### **FRESHMAN ORIENTATION**

On Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to the high school for Freshman Orientation. Orientation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for the students to be introduced to the high school administration, their

guidance counselor, and also be given a tour of the building. Lunch will be served.

Hope to see all the 9<sup>th</sup> graders there!

## REVISED & NEW POLICES

Over the past few months, we have been very busy reviewing existing school policies, as well as discussing and examining new policies. Each of the policies has been reviewed and approved by the faculty, the School Improvement Team, the District Instructional Council and the Board of Education. Please review these policies, which are located on the last few pages of the Newsletter.

## GETTING INVOLVED

One piece of advice that I would like to give all the students is to become involved in some form or another in an after school activity. Whether it is a sport, the school play, a class activity or a club, the more a student is involved the more likely they are to enjoy and succeed in high school. If a student truly wants to be part of something, then now is the time to join. Not only does it strengthen a student's transcript, but research continuously shows that students tend to get into less trouble outside of school and academically do better in school.

Therefore, please encourage your son or daughter to get involved in school beyond the academic day, whether it is a sport, activity or club. Listed below are the clubs that are available at the high school along with their advisors.

<u>Freshman Class</u>	Ms. L. Pollitt/Ms. M. Holden
<u>Sophomore Class</u>	Mr. M. Immel/ Ms. J. Emmerich
<u>Junior Class</u>	Ms. K. Baum/Mr. R. Rosso
<u>Senior Class</u>	Ms. M. Schwimmer/ Ms. C. Devaney
<u>Carousel</u>	Ms. J. Cameron
<u>Drama Club</u>	Ms. S. Eberhard
<u>Ecology Club</u>	Ms. D. Edgar
<u>Interact</u>	Ms. N. Restivo/Mr. S. Roach
<u>Mathletes</u>	Ms. C. Pitkewicz
<u>NYS/Natl. Science Oly.</u>	Ms. D. Edgar
<u>Reconnecting Youth</u>	Mr. R. Bard/Ms. S. Mullins
<u>SADD</u>	Mr. P. Turano
<u>Student Art League</u>	Mr. F. Salino
<u>Student Council</u>	Ms. C. Pitkewicz
<u>Yearbook</u>	Mr. F. Salino/Ms. K. Baum

There are also athletic-related activities that will be announced during the school year.

## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to Bayport-Blue Point High School for the 2009-10 school year:

**Art:** Tino Soviero; **English:** Karen Iovino, Stacie Mauchan; **L.O.T.E.:** Keith Scharfschwerdt; **Mathematics:** Marie Milach; **PE:** Matthew Smith, Ryan Gick; **Science:** Denise Kelly, Marissa Licata; **Pupil Services:** Gregory Lisa, JoAnn DiGelorum; **Social Studies:** Silvia Francese, Margaret Valley; **Psychologist:** Dr. Catherine Stephan.

I am also happy to welcome Mr. Robert Haas to the high school administrative staff. Mr. Haas has not only been an excellent high school social studies teacher and chairperson for the past eight years, but was also a former student. Although Mr. Haas will assume many administrative duties, one of his main focuses will be to work with the 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, while Mr. Zarcone will work with the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Congratulations to Mr. Haas and welcome!

## OPENING DAY SCHEDULE

The first day of school for students is Wednesday, September 9, from 7:45 a.m. to 2:26 p.m. All students should report directly to **first period:**

7:35	First Warn. Bell
7:40	Sec. Warn. Bell
7:45 - 8:25	Period 1
8:29 - 9:14	Period 2
9:18 - 9:58	Period 3
10:03 - 10:43	Period 4 Lunch
10:48 - 11:28	Period 5 Lunch
11:33 - 12:13	Period 6 Lunch
12:18 - 12:58	Period 7 Lunch
1:02 - 1:42	Period 8
1:46 - 2:26	Period 9

## EMERGENCY CARDS

These cards are very important in maintaining accurate communication with parents in the event of illness or emergency. They will be distributed in school and should be returned to the nurse's office ASAP, but no later than **Monday, September 14.** Your cooperation with this request is deeply appreciated.

## INTERNET POLICY

Since all classrooms have access to the Internet, our students will be able to avail themselves of this valuable tool. The Board of Education has approved an Internet use policy, which is enclosed. If you **do not** wish to have your child participate in the use of the Internet, please return the enclosed form to the Assistant Principal's office, Mr. Robert Haas, (Rm. 116) by Monday, September 14.

## BOCES

Classes will begin on **Wednesday, September 9.** Buses to Islip, Brookhaven and Riverhead Technical Centers will be provided.

The morning BOCES students must be at the high school by 7:05.

## BUS INFORMATION

If you are eligible for a bus pass, it will be mailed home in late August. If you do not have your pass, the bus driver does have the right to deny permission to ride on the bus. All questions regarding bus passes should be directed to the District Office.

## SCHOOL REGULATIONS

### **OPEN LUNCH**

**Eleventh and twelfth grade students may leave campus for lunch (Periods 4, 5, 6 or 7) during the school year. All other students are required by Board policy to remain on school grounds in the school building.** Students violating this policy will receive a discipline referral and one extended detention. Consistent abusers of this policy will be assigned additional disciplinary actions. **A parent may restrict his or her child to campus by forwarding a letter to Assistant Principal Neil Zarcone indicating such.** We will then arrange for your child to remain on campus during this time period.

**The open campus lunch period is a privilege that will be revoked for any student who fails to exercise appropriate responsibility regarding behavior or does not return to school on time for his/her next period.**

The Out-To-Lunch Policy is a privilege that is granted to junior and senior students during their assigned lunch period and includes the following responsibilities:

- Be considerate of people's property and of other members of the community.
- Behave responsibly, since you are representing Bayport-Blue Point High School, your family, and yourself.
- Upon returning to school grounds, please quietly report to the cafeteria and wait until the bell signals for the change of periods.
- In the event that you become ill while out to lunch, you must have a parent or guardian call at that time to confirm your illness or it will be considered a cut.
- **DO NOT ABUSE THIS PRIVILEGE** or you will forfeit the right to exercise it.
- Students are to exit the school property through the parking lot located on the north side of the building.
- Students must return to school through the parking lot and enter the cafeteria to await the bell indicating they are to proceed to their next class.
- Students who are permitted to leave campus during their assigned lunch period are not permitted in the halls during this time.

### **FREE AND REDUCED MEAL INFORMATION**

Attached please find copies of the Free and Reduced Meal Information form. I would ask that you review the attached form and if you think you qualify, to please complete and return to the main office as soon as possible.

### **PARKING ON CAMPUS**

All 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who possess a valid Class D driver's license will be permitted to park in

the student parking lot located in the north parking lot during the first week of school. Students will be required to show their license to security upon entering the parking lot during these days. Beginning on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, only students who possess a valid school issued parking permit will be permitted to park on school grounds. Parking permit applications will be available in Rm. 111 during regular school hours, beginning on the first day of school.

### **EQUIPMENT**

Equipment (non-instructional) must not be brought to school or used on school grounds; i.e. CELLULAR TELEPHONES WITH PICTURE AND/OR DIGITAL OR VIDEO RECORDERS OR TEXT MESSAGING, PALM PILOTS, BLACKBERRIES, SKATEBOARDS, BOX RADIOS, BEEPERS, LASER POINTERS, MP3 PLAYERS, CD PLAYERS, WALKMANS, ANY TOY THAT CAN BE MISTAKEN FOR A WEAPON and any other items deemed to be a distraction to the school environment. Equipment of this nature does not contribute to an atmosphere for learning and often presents a distraction that is detrimental to the school's purpose. If a student is found to have any of the above-mentioned items on his/her person, a faculty or staff member will confiscate it.

- **First offense** – the student may pick the item up from one of the high school administrators after school.
- **Second offense** – The parent must pick the item up from the assistant principal's office.

The use of a CELLULAR TELEPHONE is not permitted during regular school hours, which are from 7:40 a.m. to 2:26 p.m. If parents need to contact their children during the school day, please call 472-7800.

### **SENIOR PRIVILEGES**

In order to be eligible for a double lunch or early dismissal, seniors must be enrolled in 6 1/2 credit-bearing classes. In addition, privileges will be awarded only to those who are passing all subjects and have not received any discipline referrals for the past five weeks of school. Students, who have met the above guidelines and did not receive any discipline referrals for the entire fourth quarter of their junior year of school, may start their senior year of school with a senior privilege. **Eligibility status for all seniors will be reviewed at five-week intervals.** Only those students who meet these guidelines will be eligible for senior privileges.

### **ALCOHOL, DRUGS & FIGHTING**

The use and possession of controlled substances, such as drugs and alcohol, constitute a most serious threat to the safety and welfare of the entire student population. Please visit the district website to read the newly adopted "Alcohol Consumption by Students-Alcohol Testing of Students Policy. Similarly, fighting, whether on or

off the school grounds, is a behavior that cannot be tolerated. Therefore, infractions of the rules governing these issues will result in the maximum penalty allowable including **a five-day, out-of-school suspension** and possible intervention by a law enforcement agency.

## **ATTENDANCE ACHIEVEMENT POLICY**

The Attendance Achievement Policy states that students are required to be in attendance at least 85% of the time and are passing in order to receive credit in a course. Students who violate this policy are subject to denial of credit as per the guidelines. Copies of the policy are available in the assistant principals' office or online.

## **STUDENT CUTTING & DISCIPLINE**

Over 30% of all referrals to the assistant principal's office are written for students who have cut classes. This represents a serious impediment to student achievement. As a result, the School Discipline Committee and the School Improvement Team have endorsed the following student cutting policy:

- Students who cut class, lunch or study hall, will be assigned one extended detention.
- There will be no special consideration given to students who participate in extracurricular activities, take driver education or work after school. The only exception to this will be made for those students who can verify a financial hardship and are contributing to the support of their household. Verification must be in writing from the student's parent/guardian and then other arrangements will be made.
- Students have the opportunity to choose the day that they desire to serve their discipline obligations within one week of their violation. There will be **no rescheduling** of discipline obligations without parental consent verbally and in writing prior to the date of the detention.
- Discipline obligations that are not served due to legal absences from school will be served the next school day that the student attends. It is the student's responsibility to remember and serve his/her discipline obligation. Any obligations that go unserved will be subject to further disciplinary consequences.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY POLICY**

Since 1994, the high school has implemented an Extracurricular Eligibility Policy. The policy details the eligibility guidelines for students who wish to participate in extracurricular activities. Any student who wishes to participate in extracurricular activities during the 2009-10 school year is required to submit a copy of the policy signed by the student and a parent/guardian and returned to his/her coach or advisor (attached is a copy of this policy).

## **LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL**

**It is the responsibility of the parents to contact the high school attendance office (472-7800, Ext. 5014) to inform school personnel of student absences.** If a student is absent, he/she must bring an absence note signed by a parent or guardian stating the reason for the absence. This note must be given to the **attendance office the day the student returns to school** or the absence will be considered **unexcused.**

## **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and dress appropriately for school and school functions.

A student's dress, grooming and appearance, including hair style/color, jewelry, make-up and nails, shall:

- Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
- Recognize that extremely brief garments are inappropriate and unacceptable. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: backless tops, single-shoulder tops, tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, see-through, sheer or transparent shirts/pants, exposed midriffs, plunging necklines (front and/or back), skirts/shorts above mid-thigh length, shorts that are excessively revealing and net/mesh garments. Tank tops should not have spaghetti straps, plunging necklines or expose the midriff or undergarments.
- Ensure that underwear is completely covered with outer clothing.
- Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.
- Not include the wearing of hoods in the classroom except for a medical or religious purpose.
- Not include items that are vulgar, obscene and libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.
- Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.

**Remember that faculty and staff have the right to limit the wearing of hats during their instructional time with students.**

Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline, up to and including in-school suspension for the day. Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to further discipline, up to and including out-of-school suspension.

## LOCKERS

All students are provided with lockers to store personal belongings and school-related materials. Students should not share the locker combination with anyone. Lockers should be kept closed at all times. Students should not leave the locker "preset" to open and valuables should never be brought to school. In addition, all students are reminded to lock their belongings in the physical education locker room during physical education classes. All assigned lockers remain the property of the school district and the school reserves the right to inspect any locker at any time. Bayport-Blue Point High School and School District are not responsible for stolen items.

## SMOKING / TOBACCO

In accordance with New York State and Suffolk County Public Health Laws, Bayport-Blue Point High School is a smoke-free campus. Smoking on all district owned and operated campuses is prohibited. There shall be no smoking on school buses or buses chartered for school activities. These prohibitions include employees, visitors, guests and students.

Students are also prohibited to be in possession of tobacco and/or tobacco products while on school grounds. Students who violate either policy will be subject to the following procedure:

### Guideline for High School Disciplinary Action

#### Infraction

#### Disposition

<b>Smoking on school property</b>	- Suspension (ISS to OSS) - Referral to Suffolk County Department of Health (\$50 to \$500 fine) - Attendance at smoking clinic
<b>Possession of tobacco products</b>	- Suspension (ISS to OSS) - Community Service

\*\*\*Further violations may result in substantial fines levied by the Suffolk County Health Department. The number of violations is cumulative from one school year to the next.

A copy of the high school Smoke-Free Campus Policy is available in the assistant principal's office.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY REQUIREMENTS

Membership in the National Honor Society is not solely based on grade point average. Rather, it shall be determined after an evaluation by a faculty committee of the following qualities exhibited by each candidate. Students shall submit evidence of their achievements in their application and high school staff will be asked to share their observations, as well. The faculty advisors will then present these findings, with all mention of the students' names

removed, to the committee for discussion. **It should be noted that the committee will reconvene periodically throughout the school year to assure that National Honor Society members have continued to uphold the principles listed below. If a student's average falls below 90, exhibits inappropriate behavior, or fails to fulfill leadership or service commitments, his/her membership may be revoked.**

- **Scholarship** – A candidate's unweighted average, from freshman year to and including second quarter of junior year, must be 89.5 or above. Any student selected for the National Honor Society must continue to maintain the 89.5 or above average or be subject to removal.
- **Service** – A candidate must have provided a service consistently over a relatively long period of time or should have completed several shorter termed good deeds for no remuneration or credit. These helpful actions should take place in the school community – tutoring on a regular basis, assisting a teacher or coach, being part of the several projects such as Athletes Helping Athletes. A candidate may also share of himself / herself within the community at large doing things such as helping in the numerous church projects, volunteering at a hospital, being a part of the projects of the Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts, helping to coach teams of younger children. Service may also find its way into the neighborhood where one can baby-sit for no money or rake or cut the lawn of a person who is unable. Service that one provides at home for someone in his/her family is not counted unless the candidate works to help support the family.
- **Leadership** – Leadership is not only having a leader's title; it may also be seen as the person who can effectively become a leader within a situation such as leading within a class, a team, a group of friends.
- **Character** – A candidate should be that person who is capable of making the tough decision, who understands his/her own intrinsic values, morals, and principles and is capable of leading his life based on these.

## REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER AP / HONORS CLASSES

Student placement in AP sections depends upon his/her performance in class as well as teacher recommendation. First and second quarter grades, along with midterm scores, will be evaluated. In addition, teachers will be asked to rate students according to the following categories:

- Exhibits insight into cause-effect relationships.
- Makes valid generalizations from concepts and ideas learned.
- Transfers learning from one area to another.
- Works independently with minimal intervention.
- Demonstrates the ability to organize ideas, tasks.


- Is eager to learn.
- Shows creativity in solving problems.
- Expresses self well orally or in writing.
- Contributes positively to the learning environment.
- Completes and hands in assignments in a timely manner.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September

- 9 First Day of School for Students  
Registration Deadline for Oct. SAT  
Booster Club Mtg, 7:30pm
- 10-11 Underclassmen Photos
- 11 V. Football Home vs. Mt. Sinai, 7pm
- 15 SEA-BBS Mtg., Lib., 7pm  
Bd. of Ed. Mtg., Cafe., 8pm
- 17 V. Football @ El/J. Glenn, 3:30pm
- 18 Reg. Deadline Oct. ACT
- 21-25 Sprit Week
- 21 PTSA Mtg., 7:30pm
- 25 Pep Rally/Homecoming Dance
- 26 Homecoming Parade-12noon  
V. Football Home vs. Pt. Jeff, 1:30pm
- 28 Yom Kippur – School Closed**

### October

- 1 Regis. Deadline for Nov. SAT
- 2 Sophomore Ring Order Day
- 3 V. Football @ Shoreham-WR, 1:30pm
- 5 Sophomore Ring Night
- 6-7 Sophomore Ring Order Days
- 6 SEA-BBS Mtg., Lib., 7pm  
Bd. of Ed. Mtg., Cafe., 8pm
- 8 Open House, 7pm
- 10 SAT I & II
- 12 Columbus Day – School Closed**
- Wk. of 12<sup>th</sup> Interim Prog. Rep. mailed home
- 14 Testing Day / PSAT Administration  
Booster Club Mtg., 7:30pm
- 16 SEA-BBS Talent Show Rehearsal., Aud., 7pm
- 17 V. Football @ Hampton Bays, 2pm
- 23 Photo make-up day  
SEA-BBS Talent Show, Aud., 7pm
- 24 ACT  
V. Football @ Amityville, 2pm
- 26-28 Musical Auditions, Aud., 2:30pm
- 26 PTSA Mtg., 7:30pm
- 30 Reg. Deadline Dec. SAT
- 31 Halloween   
V. Football vs. Ctr. Moriches, 1:30pm

- 20 Bd. of Ed. Mtg., Cafe., 8pm
- 21 HS Band to MS for AM Concert  
Tri-M Honor Society Induction, Aud.,  
7:30pm

### November

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 3 Election Day – Schools Closed**  
Bd. of Ed. Mtg., Cafe., 8pm
- 6 Reg. Deadline for Dec. ACT
- 7 SAT I & II
- 11 Veterans Day – School Closed**
- 13 Booster Club Fac. Basketball Game, 7pm
- 17 SEA-BBS Mtg., Lib., 7pm  
Bd. of Ed. Mtg., Cafe., 8pm
- 18 Booster Club Meeting, 7:30pm
- 20 Blood Drive
- Wk. 11/23 Report Cards mailed home
- 23 PTSA Mtg., 7:30pm
- 24 Winter Sports Parent Mtg., Cafe., 7pm  
Student-Athlete Inform. Night, 7:30pm
- 25 Early dismissal for students – 10:30am**
- 26-27 Thanksgiving / Recess**

### December

- 3-6 NYSSMA All-State Conf. (Rochester)
- 5 SAT I & II
- 7 BBP Chamber Tree Lighting, BP Elem., 7pm
- 8 SEA-BBS Mtg., Lib., 7:00pm  
Bd. of Ed. Mtg., Cafe., 8pm
- 9 Booster Club Mtg., 7:30pm
- 11 BBP Chamber Menorah Lighting, Chamber Park, 5pm
- 12 Hanukkah**
- 15 Regis. Deadline for Jan. SAT  
Orchestra & Concert Band, Aud., 7:30pm
- 16 Chorus & Symphonic Band, Aud., 7:30pm
- 17 District-wide Concert, Aud.
- Wk. of 21<sup>st</sup> Interm Prog. Rep. mailed home
- 24-1/1 Winter Recess – Schools Closed**
- 1/4 First Day of school after recess



## New and Revised Policies for 2009-10

Over the past few months, we have been very busy reviewing existing school policies as well as discussing and examining new policies. Each of the policies discussed below have been reviewed and approved by the faculty, the School Improvement Team, the District Instructional Council and the Board of Education.

The following two policies have been revised: Attendance and Grade Weighting and the following two have been added: Alcohol Consumption of Students-Alcohol Testing of Students, and Possession and Use of Tobacco and/or Tobacco Products on School Premises. Below are some of the changes/highlights for each of the policies. If you would like to read the policies in their entirety they can be found on the district website [www.bbbschools.org](http://www.bbbschools.org).

## **Attendance Policy**

As you know, attendance in class is essential to learning in all areas of the Bayport-Blue Point High School curriculum. By establishing attendance requirements, the school district is affirming that students are to be held accountable for their individual actions and that excessive absenteeism will jeopardize their opportunity to earn credit for the classes in which they are enrolled. The fact that there is a direct correlation between student attendance and achievement clearly demands a standard for awarding such credit.

<b>Old Policy</b>	<b>Policy Changes</b>
Defines absences as being “excused” or “unexcused”.	Defines absences as being “Student initiated” or “School initiated”.
Counts only “unexcused” absences toward credit denial.	Counts only “Student initiated” absences toward credit denial.
Considers academic achievement toward credit denial.	Considers ONLY the number of absences toward credit denial.
Attendance requirements are reset at the beginning of each semester.	Attendance requirements are NOT reset at the beginning of each semester.
Requires an inordinate amount of paperwork for the teacher and administrator.	Uses eSchool to generate paperwork to be used by the teacher and administrator.
Student meets with the administrator to sign a contract regarding the pending credit denial.	Student AND parent meet with a staff member AND EACH will sign a contract regarding the pending credit denial.
Case is evaluated solely by the administrator.	Case will be evaluated collaboratively by the Educational Support Team.
Action taken at semester absence 7 and 15.	Action taken at year-to-date absence 9, 18 and 28.

## **Weighted Grades**

The weighting of grades is used for the purposes of determining a student’s rank within his/her class. The system of weighting grades is constructed to recognize the difficulty of each course offering. One reason for reviewing this policy was because it was originally created in 1993 and the standards and expectations for students has changed drastically since that time. For example, in the past, Regents-level courses were not necessarily the norm. The second reason for the review was to align the Bayport-Blue Point weighting of grades with the other districts of Long Island. Please note the changes do not impact the graduating class of 2010.

Beginning in September 2009, the weighting of grades for all Bayport-Blue Point High School Students will reflect the following:

<b><u>2006 Cohort and Before</u></b>		<b><u>2007 Cohort and After</u></b>	
Non-Regents Level	1.0	Regents	1.0
Regents	1.1	Honors/Accelerated/Enriched/ College level	1.05
Honors/Advanced Placement	1.2	Advanced Placement	1.1

## **Alcohol Consumption by Students – Alcohol Testing of Students**

The use of alcohol by minors represents a serious threat to the welfare of its students. The possession, transportation, and distribution of alcoholic beverages during school hours or during school-sponsored activities and events are strictly prohibited.

The consumption of alcohol by students during school hours or during school-sponsored activities and events, and the presence of students, who have consumed alcohol on school campus at any time or during school-sponsored off-campus activities and events, is strictly prohibited. Therefore, to promote a safe, healthy, and productive environment, the Bayport-Blue Point School District has implemented a testing policy for students suspected of consumption of alcohol.

A school official who has a reasonable suspicion that a particular student has consumed alcohol during school hours or during a school-sponsored event may recommend to the administrator in charge the use of Breathalyzer testing to determine such consumption. If a student refuses the administration of a Breathalyzer test in any of the circumstances described in the policy the student shall be presumed to have consumed alcohol. The focus of the policy is to provide a healthy and safe environment for the students of the Bayport-Blue Point Schools District.

## **Possession and Use of Tobacco and/or Tobacco products on School Premises**

Pursuant to newly enacted State Legislation (Chapter 565 of the Laws of 1994), the use of tobacco shall be prohibited on school grounds, which shall include any and all school buildings, structures, surrounding outdoor grounds, and vehicles used to transport children or school personnel during hours when school is in session or a student activity supervised by staff or an officially sanctioned school event is taking place.

Under this policy, it is also prohibited for students to possess tobacco and/or tobacco products on school property.

Any violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Below are the guidelines.

### **Guideline for High School Disciplinary Action**

#### **Infraction**

#### **Disposition**

Smoking on school property

- Suspension (ISS to OSS)
- Referral to Suffolk County Department of Health (\$50 to \$500 fine)
- Attendance at smoking clinic

Possession of tobacco products

- Suspension (ISS to OSS)
- Community Service

**Please be sure to share this information with your son and/or daughter. Again, if you would like to read the policies in their entirety please visit the district website at [www.bbbschools.org](http://www.bbbschools.org). Thank you for your continued support.**