

## NEW DAY

**New Day** is a Dropout Prevention Program for students enrolled at Blountstown High School and Altha School who are at risk of dropping out or failing to graduate with their age-appropriate class. This program provides students with integrated, self-paced, competency-based academics and is housed at the Calhoun County Adult Education Program.

**New Day** provides students with two graduations options:

1. **Calhoun County Diploma**

Students who show mastery of the state student performance standards, complete the 24 course credits for Option 1 or the 18 credits for Option 2 & 3 as required by the State, and achieve a passing score on the FCAT will receive a standard diploma. Options for graduation requirements for Adult Education students are:

- a. The 1/2 credit requirement in physical education is waived due to inadequate facilities.
- b. The required laboratory components in the science courses are also waived due to inadequate facilities.

2. **State of Florida High School Diploma**

Students who pass the **General Education Development Test (GED)**, in lieu of the normal graduation requirements, will be granted a State of Florida High School Equivalency Diploma.

To be eligible for the **New Day** program a student must:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Be enrolled in Altha Public School or Blountstown High School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Express a desire to drop out of school
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be between the ages of 16 and 19
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be at least 2 years behind the graduating class of the students with whom they entered kindergarten.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Score at least a Total Battery grade equivalency of 7.0 or Scale Score of 538 on the Test of Adult Basic Education (T.A.B.E.)

Students entering **New Day** will be withdrawn from their home school and enrolled in the Calhoun County Adult School. Once a student chooses **New Day**, they may not return to any regular public school in Calhoun County. Students enrolled in **New Day** will be allowed to ride a Calhoun County School bus to and from the program each day as long as they abide by the rules of the program and school bus.

An optimal learning environment in the classroom is ensured. Discipline problems are not tolerated and are handled quickly by the Director. An attendance policy is also enforced. Students dropped from the program for lack of attendance or discipline problems will forfeit the transportation provided by the Calhoun County School Board.

**New Day** students riding a Calhoun County School bus will be expected to follow bus rules. Bus discipline problems are handled by the Calhoun County Adult School Principal and will not be tolerated. Bus rule violations will result in an immediate loss of transportation privileges. Students who ride the bus to school in the morning, but fail to attend class on that day will not be allowed to ride the bus home in the afternoon.

Students dropped from the program for lack of attendance or discipline problems will not be allowed to return to school at all during that semester, and must have the permission of the Adult School Director before re-enrolling in any subsequent semester. Upon the student's return to the Calhoun County Adult School no transportation will be provided.

## New Day Transportation Contract

I understand as part of the New Day program, I will be allowed to ride a Calhoun County School bus to and from the Calhoun County Adult School as long as I abide by the rules of the school bus.

- ✓ I will be expected to follow the School District's established bus rules.
- ✓ I will be expected to arrive at the Calhoun County Adult School as soon as the bus arrives each morning.
- ✓ I understand if I fail to attend class or return from lunch, I will not be allowed to ride the bus home in the afternoon.
- ✓ I understand bus problems are handled by the Calhoun County Adult School Principal and will not be tolerated.
- ✓ **I understand bus rule violations will result in an immediate loss of transportation privileges and will not be reinstated.**
- ✓ I understand if I lose school bus transportation privileges, I will be required to provide my own transportation to and from the Calhoun County Adult School.

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Signature of Student

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Date

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Signature of Parent

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