Baldwin High School Early Release Informations

The purpose of Seminar is to serve as an extension of — or enrichment for — the educational programs of BHS. Teachers and students must view Seminar as an opportunity to further enhance classroom instruction and learning, and support the school improvement goals of BHS.

Seminar provides the opportunity for students to receive career and academic assistance from teachers/counselors/guest speakers, finish work in writing or computer labs, access the library/media center, complete makeup work, take tests or quizzes, work on projects, and/or complete assigned homework.

It is the student's responsibility to make sure he/she uses this given time wisely. It is the teacher's responsibility to make sure that all Seminar guidelines are consistently followed throughout the school. Seminar will be held each day, Monday through Friday, from 2:55 to 3:15, and is **required for all students**.

What is EARLY RELEASE from Friday Seminar?
- Early release is an earned privilege designed to reward those students who are doing what they are supposed to be doing regarding grades, attendance, discipline, behavior, and effort.

How do I qualify for Friday Seminar early release?
You must accomplish EACH and ALL of the following EACH WEEK:
1) Have no class grades below 70% (cumulative)
2) Have no ACTIVE discipline referrals (Consequences have not been successfully completed)
3) Have perfect attendance (except for school excused) during the current school week
4) Be productive in Seminar

How do I know my grades are at least 70%?
- Each week during Seminar your Seminar teacher will check your cumulative class grades in all classes to see if you are meeting this criteria. Your cumulative grades must be at 70% or above, as recorded in PowerSchool, by 3:30 p.m. on Thursday to qualify for that Friday.

What about discipline referrals?
- All detentions and ASD's, classroom and building level, must be completed by Thursday afternoon preceding the Friday Seminar or you will not qualify.
- If you receive a discipline referral on Friday, you will not qualify for that Friday. This includes cell phones or electronic device referrals.

What does the 'be productive in Seminar' requirement mean?
- You are required to come to Seminar each day, prepared with materials and homework, and you must be productive and cooperative while working on these things.
- Even if you meet the first three criteria, your Seminar teacher has the right to withhold early release if you do not meet this fourth and final criteria. It is at his/her discretion.

If I earn early release, how does it work?
- Beginning Friday, September 9th, 2022 when students report to Seminar, those who have earned early release will be allowed to leave at a special release bell.
- Even if you have earned early release, you must report to your Seminar and wait for the release

bell. Failure to do so will suspend future release privileges.

Will my parents know that I can earn early release?
- Yes, it is required that the school have an e-signed release permission for each student.
- Parents who wish to update their early release permission can do so from the PowerSchool Parent Portal by choosing **Permissons** on the left. No permission means no early release; even if you have earned it.

Can I leave school during early release?
- Yes, as long as you have earned the privilege and your parents have given signed permission that you can leave.

What if I have no way home or have something immediately after school?

- You must report to your Seminar for attendance. If you qualify for early release, you must either leave the BHS campus or you may choose to stay in Seminar and follow the standard rules of BHS Seminar time.

What if we don't have Friday Seminar because of no school?
- Then there will be no early release that week.

Are there times that we may have school on Friday and not have early release?
- Yes, we may have a few special occasions like Homecoming and King and Queen of Courts where we may choose to NOT have early release.