

Weighted Grades and Grade Point Average

Some useful definitions and explanations:

Grade Point -a unit of credit for a course or semester's work, varying with the grade or grades achieved during the semester.

Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) - a measure of scholastic achievement obtained by dividing all the grade values earned by the number of courses taken. When computing GPA, physical education and driver's education are not used, but grades earned in these courses will be posted and credits earned from P.E. classes will be awarded toward graduation. Driver's education (classroom) is required for graduation, but no credit is given. Beginning with the class of 2005 and the fall semester of the Class of 2002, 2003, and 2004, grades earned in music courses (band, chorus, jazz band, and orchestra) will count towards the calculation of the G.P.A.

Cumulative - increasing or growing by addition - - accumulating.

Class Rank - Class rank will be determined based on total cumulative points earned. Each course is assigned a particular level, and a particular "weight" of points for each grade (e.g. an A in a Level IV would equal 7 pts., an A in a Level III class would equal 6 pts., and an A in a Level II class would equal 5 pts.). See the Class Rank Calculation Guide shown below and the Weighted Grade Listings of courses on page 6 to determine the appropriate point value for each grade assigned in a particular course. Simply put, the greater the number of courses taken, combined with higher grades, will equal a greater number of cumulative points. The higher the student's total points, the higher his or her class rank.

Weighted Grades - assigning a higher point value to a letter grade for a more academically challenging course and a lesser point value for the same grade in a less academically challenging course.

CLASS RANK CALCULATION GUIDE

	LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III	LEVEL IV
A+	4.33	5.33	6.33	7.33
A	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00
A-	3.66	4.66	5.66	6.66
B+	3.33	4.33	5.33	6.33
B	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00
B-	2.66	3.66	4.66	5.66
C+	2.33	3.33	4.33	5.33
C	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
C-	1.66	2.66	3.66	4.66
D+	1.33	2.33	3.33	4.33
D	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00
D-	0.66	1.66	2.66	3.66
F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00