



GPA

What is it? Why is it important?



WHY YOUR GRADE POINT AVERAGE IS IMPORTANT

Opportunities during high school

Athletic/Activity eligibility

Car insurance discount

Qualify for National Honor Society

Opportunities after high school

Admission to colleges

Scholarships

HOW YOUR SEMESTER GRADE IS CALCULATED

- 80-20 semester break-down
 - 80% semester grade
 - 20% final exam grade

HOW IS YOUR GPA CALCULATED?

Grade Points

A = 4 points

B = 3 points

C = 2 points

D = 1 point

F = 0 points

Example

English	A	4
Biology	B+	3
PE	B	
Math	A	4
Foods	A	4
World History	A-	4
Points total		19

$$19 \div 5 = 3.8 \text{ GPA}$$

UNWEIGHTED VS. WEIGHTED GPA

Unweighted GPA

A = 4 points

B = 3 points

C = 2 points

D = 1 point

F = 0 points

Weighted GPA

The unweighted semester GPA is calculated and then an honors boost of .22225 is added for each honors level course.

Honors, Advanced, Accelerated or AP courses end in 8 or 9.

***Both GPAs are shared with colleges/universities.**

PRACTICE TIME!

STUDENT 1

What would his/her Unweighted GPA be?

English	A+
Biology	C
PE	A
Math	B
Spanish	B-
World Geography	B+

Unweighted GPA for this student

English	A+	4
Biology	C	2
PE	A	4
Math	B	3
Spanish	B-	3
World Geography	B+	3
Total		15

Why is the total
15 and not 19?

GPA: $15 \div 5$ (total # of classes) = 3.0

If this student received the same report card, what would his/her weighted grade point average (GPA) be?

*English (honors course)	A+
*Biology (honors course)	C
PE	A
Math	B
Spanish	B-
World Geography	B+

Weighted GPA answer

*English (honors course)	A+	4
*Biology (honors course)	C	2
PE	A	2
Math	B	3
Spanish	B-	3
World Geography	B+	3
Unweighted GPA	15 ÷ 5	3.0

Then add the boost... $3.0 + .22225 + .22225 =$

Weighted GPA
3.4445

“If you don’t know where you’re going...



...any road will take
you there.”

Changing the Meaning of GPA: Goal, Plan, Action

Define a Goal: This should include short term goals, such as passing a test; mid term goals, which may take a few years to attain such as earning a diploma; and long term goals, which could be a major life target you aim for such as a career. Choosing your goals means deciding what you value most in life. A goal is a wish until you write it down. Write down your goals many times and place them everywhere so you can see them many times a day to reinforce this idea in your mind. Don't worry if your goal changes; the purpose of a goal is to give you a target to work towards in order to focus your time more efficiently. If your goal changes, write down the new one.

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Devise a Plan: Most goals have several possible plans. The challenge comes in choosing the best one. The best plans are not always obvious and may take some time to discover. Focus on one goal and write down a plan or series of steps you need to take in order to reach this goal.

Take Action: Goals and plans never come to fruition unless you take action.

What's your GPA (Goal, Plan, Action) to achieve your GPA (2.8 minimum)?

Persistence/Credits

CREDIT = earning a passing grade, demonstrating mastery & successfully completing 18 academic credits and 2 PE credits

3.5 credits = sophomore

8 credits = junior

12 credits = senior

To keep on track to earn 20 credits to graduate, we suggest the following

5 credits – freshman year

10 credits – sophomore year

15 credits – junior year

20 credits – senior year

POWER of 15

Spanish 4

Speech 1

Quantitative Literacy

CNA

The Power of 15 is a partnership between Township High School District 211 and Harper College providing increased opportunities for college credit before high school graduation. The program allows District 211 students to take college classes in high school that can simultaneously count toward their high school diploma and college degree.

Art in Contemporary Society

Accounting

Cosmetology

Biology 2

Culinary Arts

PLTW Digital Electronics

POWER of 15

To stay on track to earn 15 college credits to graduate, we suggest the following:

Freshman year – Complete prerequisites for enrollment in Dual Credit and/or AP level coursework OR enroll in AP level coursework as appropriate.

Example –

- ✓ Prerequisite for Biology 2 (Dual Credit) is “C” or higher in S137 Biology or S138 Biology
- ✓ Prerequisite for AP Environmental Science is “C” or higher in S137 Biology or S138 Biology and “C” or higher in S234 Earth Science or S332 Chemistry or S338 Accelerated Chemistry; or departmental approval
- ✓ Enroll in AP Human Geography or AP Computer Science (prerequisite applies) freshman year

SAT Benchmark Scores...

The college and career readiness benchmarks for the SAT predict a 75 percent likelihood of achieving at least a C in a set of first-year, credit-bearing college courses.

FRESHMAN YEAR

PSAT 8/9 College and Career
Readiness Benchmarks

ERW – 410

Math – 450