

How to Calculate and Improve High School GPA



9th Grade Guide to Success

Bloomington High School



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- Ms. Holmes-D-H
- Ms. Usher-I-Mc
- Mrs. Raschke-Me-R
- Mrs. Young-S-Z and ACCESS students
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RESOURCES AT MY SCHOOL

Principal

Ms. Burkett

Assistant Principal for Curriculum

Mrs. Rocha

Assistant Principal for Administration

Mr. Peek

Assistant Principals for Student Affairs

Mr. Snyder (A-G)

Ms. Rodriguez (H-O)

Mr. Williams (P-Z)

Academic Coach

Mrs. Hogg

Student Success Coach

Mr. Rankin

School Psychologist

Ms. Nelson

School Social Worker

Ms. Knox

School Resource Officer

Deputy Alexander

School Nurse

Mrs. Esposito



Objective

- Students will be able to understand their Grade Point Average
- Students will be able understand high school credits
- Students will know who to contact regarding their academic progress



Class of 2020 Graduation Requirements

- 4 Credits English
- 4 Credits Mathematics including Algebra I and Geometry
- 3 credits Science including Biology 1; two credits must have laboratory component
- 3 credits Social Studies - World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Economics
- 1 credit in Fine or Performing Arts
- 1 credit HOPE
 - (Two years of JROTC can substitute for HOPE and Performing/Fine Arts)
- 8 credits electives
- One online/virtual school course
- Minimum graduation credit requirement is **24**

Bonus points: .04 Points for Honors per .5 credit

.08 Points for Dual Enrollment and AP per .5 credit

(final grade must be a C or above to receive bonus points)



Additional Requirements

- Grade Point Average must be at least 2.0 (unweighted State GPA)
- Students must pass Grade 10 FSA ELA or earn concordant ACT/SAT test score(SAT-430 EBR+W or 24 on Reading subtest; ACT-19 on Reading)
- Students must pass Algebra 1 End of Course Exam or earn comparative PERT test score(97)



What is a GPA?

A GPA (which is an acronym for grade point average) is the calculated average of the grades you earn.

There are two different types of GPA

Unweighted and Weighted - So what's the difference?



Unweighted GPA

vs

Weighted GPA

Average of all grades based on the 4.0 scale

Allows courses designated as weighted to count for more points and therefore your weighted GPA is higher than your unweighted GPA.

A different point system is assigned to Honors courses, Advanced Placement (AP) courses and Dual Enrollment courses.

Regardless of class level, each class is graded on the same point system.

A (.04) bonus will be added to the student's cumulative weighted district grade point average for each one-half credit completed in an honors course.

4.0 is the highest possible GPA

A (.08) bonus will be added to the student's cumulative district weighted grade point average for each one half credit completed in an Advanced Placement or Dual Enrollment course.

This is a GPA used for graduation. Students must have a 2.0 or higher to graduate.

A grade of C or higher must be earned in the Honors, Dual Enrollment, or Advanced Placement courses for the bonus to be awarded.



Grades

The grade point average for all high school students shall be based on quality point values. Quality points are to be earned every nine-week grading period in each subject. Quality point values are as follows:

Letter Grade	Quality Points
A	4
B	3
C	2
D	1
F	0

The most common GPA scale is the four-point unweighted grade scale. In this scale, the letter grade 'A' equals four points, the letter grade 'B' equals three points, the letter grade 'C' equals two points, the letter grade 'D' equals one point, and the letter grade 'F' equals zero points.



School Year

1st Semester

1 st 9 weeks	+	2 nd 9 weeks	+	Exam grade	=	Semester 1 Total
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2nd Semester

3 rd 9 weeks	+	4 th 9 weeks	+	Exam grade	=	Semester 2 Total
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Credits Earned

- One half credit is earned by passing a semester course.
- The final semester grade is determined by using each nine weeks grade and the district semester exam.

Grading Procedures

Grading Procedures in Traditional Senior High School Classes (HCPS Policy 5421)

A final semester grade is calculated by a combination of two nine-week grades and a semester exam. To pass a subject and be awarded credit, a student must earn three quality points per semester and a passing grade on at least two of the three grades awarded.

- All HCPS courses which administer an EOC exam will be computed as defined in state statutes and district guidelines. These state and district required courses will have an exam weight of 30% for each semester as per Florida statutes.

Final Semester Grade Calculations with Exam Weighted 25%		
9 Week Grade Combinations	Exam Grade (25%)	Final Grade
A, A	A, B, C	A
A, A	D, F	B
A, B	A	A
A, B	B, C, D, F	B
A, C	A, B, C, D	B
A, C	F	C
A, D	A, B	B
A, D	C, D, F	C
A, F	A	B
A, F	B, C, D	C
A, F	F	F
B, B	A, B, C, D	B
B, B	F	C
B, C	A, B	B
B, C	C, D, F	C
B, D	A	B
B, D	B, C, D, F	C
B, F	A, B, C	C
B, F	D	D
B, F	F	F
C, C	A	B
C, C	B, C, D, F	C
C, D	A, B, C	C
C, D	D, F	D
C, F	A, B	C
C, F	C, D	D
C, F	F	F
D, D	A, B	C
D, D	C, D	D
D, D	F	F
D, F	A, B, C	D
D, F	D, F	F
F, F	A, B, C, D, F	F

Final Semester Grade Calculations with Exams Weighted 30%		
*Applied Both Semesters		
9 Week Grade Combinations	Exam Grade (30%)	Final Grade
A, A	A, B	A
A, A	C, D, F	B
A, B	A	A
A, B	B, C, D	B
A, B	F	C
A, C	A, B, C	B
A, C	D, F	C
A, D	A, B	B
A, D	C, D, F	C
A, F	A	B
A, F	B, C, D	C
A, F	F	F
B, B	A, B, C	B
B, B	D, F	C
B, C	A, B	B
B, C	C, D, F	C
B, D	A	B
B, D	B, C, D	C
B, D	F	D
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C, D	D, F	D
C, F	A, B	C
C, F	C, D	D
C, F	F	F
D, D	A, B	C
D, D	C, D	D
D, D	F	F
D, F	A	C
D, F	B, C	D
D, F	D, F	F
F, F	A, B, C, D, F	F



How to calculate your GPA

Student Transcript Example

1 English	A = 4
2 Math	B = 3
3 Science	B = 3
4 HOPE	C = 2
5 Elective 1	F = 0
6 Elective 2	D = 1
7 Elective 3	D = 1
7 = Total Credit Hours Attempted	

If you add $4 + 3 + 3 + 2 + 0 + 1 + 1 = 14$ and then divide by seven, you'll get an unweighted GPA of 2.0.



But What's the Number Mean?

☺ Excellent GPA 3.75 and above



↑ Very Good GPA 3.00 – 3.74

- Average GPA 2.00–2.99

↓ Poor GPA 1.99 and below



Tips on Maintaining a High GPA

1. Start strong!

Your first 2 years of High School set the foundation of your high school GPA.

- Stay organized
- Build good study habits

2. Go to after school tutoring

Well, first-off, tutoring isn't just for students who are struggling. Think of it this way: Even the most accomplished athlete still hires a personal trainer.

- *How expensive is after school tutoring?*
- It's FREE!



Tips on Maintaining a High GPA

3. Talk to your teachers (They want to help!)

Trust me when I say you should always, always, always talk to your teachers about how to do well in their class. It's a no-brainer — It's THEIR class, and THEY are the ones giving you grades for the assignments. Plus, they want you to succeed.

4. Rack up bonus points where you can

Challenge yourself and take Honors, AP, and/or Dual Enrollment courses.



Tips on Maintaining a High GPA

5. Re-Take Classes for Better Grades

Bad grades happen. If you get one, don't give up! There are several ways for you to ditch that ugly letter and get a newer, shinier one to take its place:

Grade Enhancement

- Students can enhance a grade of a D or F in any course by taking the same or a comparable course. The enhanced course grade must be a C or higher.
- All courses attempted will appear on a student's transcript regardless of grade enhancement.

How to make up a course

- Re-take classes during the school year (Talk to your counselor about fitting in a make-up class in place of an elective)
- Make it up in Florida Virtual School (FLVS)
- Take a Night School Credit Recovery course



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