

Banks School District 13

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GRADE POINT AVERAGES (GPA) AND WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGES (WGPA)

Purpose

To establish procedures for determining grade point averages and weighted grade point averages and for reporting them to post-secondary institutions that require the information as part of the application and admissions process.

Encourage enrollment in rigorous academic classes, including AP classes that fully prepare students pursuing post secondary education.

Courses selected for weighting are AP courses. A student will have their grade weighted by taking an AP course that is offered in one of the district's programs or successfully completes college level coursework for college credit with a C or better, that parallels existing AP course work that is not currently offered at the high school. Audited college coursework will not be weighted.

Definitions

1. The "grade point average" (GPA) is the average of the numerical point value per unit of credit or marks earned for subjects completed in Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.
2. The term "weighted grading" is used to describe the process of assigning additional strength or numerical value to a grade a student earns in certain courses designated as "weighted" courses. This additional numerical value will be used in the computing of the student's grade point average (GPA) and standing in the class rank.
3. The "weighted grade point average" (WGPA) is the average of the numerical point value per unit of credit resultant from one point being added to grades A, B, or C for those courses in the AP Program
4. "Advanced Placement" courses are those for which an Educational Testing Service Advancement placement examination exists.
5. A "transcript" is a report of final grades and credits indicated by course that also shows cumulative GPA and WGPA for each year, grades 9-12.

Grade Point Average and Weighted Grade Point Average

Subjects included in the computation:

1. All courses for which the student earns credit or fails to earn credit and which are assigned a grade other than Credit/Non Credit, or No Grade, will be used for GPA and WGPA;
2. In a repeated course only the highest grade is included (including summer school). Thus, for a subject for which a grade of "F" is earned in the regular session and a grade of "B" is demonstrated when repeated, either in the regular session or in summer school, the highest mark is included in the computations and the lowest work is excluded from computations;

3. Credits granted through approved correspondence courses, approved tutoring, work study, and college courses and transfer courses may also be used for graduation credit and are included in the computations. These courses must be entered into the computerized report card database separately;
4. Transferred credits and grades from other school systems shall be converted by the principal/designee into appropriate BHS credits and are included in the computations.
 - a. Courses not traditionally taught in BHS, such as religion or military science, are not included unless course objectives meet the objectives of an approved BHS course.
 - b. For transferred credits (non-BHS courses) for subjects to which marks such as “O” (Outstanding), “S” (Satisfactory), and “U” (Unsatisfactory) or numerical percentages have been assigned, Banks High School will secure or translate such marks to a scale of A, B, C, D, F. These courses must be entered into the computerized report card database separately.

The grade points assigned to each letter grade in high school courses will be determined as follow:

AP Courses	Regular Courses
A = 5 grade points	A = 4 grade points
B = 4 grade points	B = 3 grade points
C = 3 grade points	C = 2 grade points
D = 1 grade point	D = 1 grade point
F = 0 grade points	F = 0 grade points

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