



Boulder Valley School District

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WEIGHTED GRADES

The Board of Education of the Boulder Valley School District encourages students to challenge themselves academically and to pursue the most rigorous and challenging courses that best promote their academic achievement. It is the intention of the Board to recognize and encourage additional effort and learning required in classes beyond the usual level of difficulty. To recognize students for enrolling in rigorous and challenging coursework, a weighted grade scale will be implemented and used.

Weighted grade point average will be displayed on student transcripts. All students taking high school courses may choose between a weighted or regular grade point average at the end of their 11th grade school year. The selected grade point average will be the only grade point average to appear on the student's transcript their senior year of high school. High schools will not include rank or rank their students in any way on transcripts.

The following grade scale will be used for weighted grades.

A = 5.0

B = 4.0

C = 3.0

D = 2.0

F = 0.0

Criteria for Determining Which Courses are Weighted:

Currently weighted classes will remain weighted. The only new courses that will be weighted are those for which a student may earn an industry standard certificate or credit at the postsecondary level. Examples include Advanced Placement courses moderated by the College Board, International Baccalaureate courses moderated by the International Baccalaureate Organization, concurrent enrollment at an accredited higher education institution, and courses with industry standard certificates as outcomes.

Requests for approval of weighted grade status for new courses must be submitted to District leadership for approval with adequate time for consideration prior to planned enrollment.

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