

# GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) CALCULATION

## DEFINITION OF THE GHC GRADE-POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

The GHC Grade Point Average (GPA) is the computation of a student's marks earned in accredited schools from 9<sup>th</sup> grade through the end of 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students earn a GPA for every semester and a cumulative GPA (indicated as *Class Rank GPA* on their transcript) that averages all of the student's semester GPA's.

The Granada Hills Charter Grade Point Average (GPA) Student Data System reports two different types of GPA's: Cumulative GPA (weighted) and the Honor Roll/Eligibility GPA (unweighted). Both GPA's are calculated by assigning each eligible class a letter grade a number value, (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0, INC=0, ATF=0, NTI=0). The total sum of grade points is then divided by the number of eligible classes taken.

### BASIC CLASSROOM GRADING SCALE AND MARKS

A	90.00 to 100.00
B	80.00 to 89.99
C	70.00-79.99
D	60.00-69.99
F	Zero to 59.99
PR	Progress 5 week Only-Not calculated
NP	No Progress 5 week Only-Not calculated in GPA
NM	No Mark Not calculated in GPA
INC	Incomplete Calculated in the GPA as a Zero
NTI	Not Turned In Calculated in the GPA as Zero
ATF	Fail due to Attendance Calculated in the GPA as a Zero

**When a course is repeated, all marks for the course are included in the GPA calculation.**

### GPA USES

#### HONOR ROLL/ELIGIBILITY GPA (UNWEIGHTED) GPA

- Determine eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities

#### REPORT CARD (WEIGHTED) SEMESTER GPA

- Indicates grades from the most recent semester grade-reporting period and is therefore not cumulative
- Determine Honors and High Honors semester recognition

#### CUMULATIVE CLASS RANK (WEIGHTED) GPA

The GHC cumulative Class Rank GPA is used:

- To determine Valedictorian, Gold and Silver Seal bearers
- To select students for various school honors and awards.
- For students' college admission requirements, financial aid and various scholarships,
- A GPA may be reported that is based on criteria different from the criteria used to determine the GHC cumulative class rank GPA. Thus, the GHC cumulative GPA may not be applicable.

### **MID TERM AND SEMESTER HONOR ROLL AND ELIGIBILITY GPA**

This unweighted GPA is recalculated every 12 week semester and includes all classes except for college classes. The Honor Roll and Eligibility GPA is used for determining sports eligibility and the honor roll. No weight for Honors (H), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advanced Placement (AP) classes are used in determining this GPA. An example of this GPA calculation is as follows:

<b>Grades</b>	<b>Performance</b>	<b>Un-Weighted Grade Points</b>
A	Excellent	4
B	Above Average	3
C	Average	2
D	Below Average	1
F	Failing	0

### **CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING CUMULATIVE CLASS RANK GPA**

This GHC cumulative class rank GPA is recorded on the student's record and is printed on the student's transcript. All classes during the student's high school career, starting in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, with the exception of physical education and teacher's assistant types of classes are included. Marching Band, Dance, and any sports team classes, which are considered as PE classes, are not included in the class ranking GPA. Dance courses considered VAPA courses are included in the GPA.

### **GPA WEIGHTS**

The GHC GPA is based on a four-point scale. Augmentation "weighted" points are given for courses designated as Advanced Placement, IB courses, Honors, and up to six college courses, which results in what is known as a "weighted" GPA. Weighted grade points are assigned to letter grades of A, B or C only.

The grade weighting policy assigns different grade points for classes labeled as "Honors" "Advanced Placement" or "International Baccalaureate (IB)." Honors, International Baccalaureate (IB) SL classes, and college classes receive an extra .5 grade point per semester. International Baccalaureate (IB) HL and Advanced Placement (AP) classes receive 1 extra point per semester.

An example of this GPA calculation is as follows:

<b>Grades</b>	<b>Performance</b>	<b>Un-Weighted Grade Points</b>	<b>Weighted Honors Grade Points</b>	<b>Weighted AP Grade Points</b>
A	Excellent	4	4.5	5
B	Above Average	3	3.5	4
C	Average	2	2.5	3
D	Below Average	1	1	1
F	Failing	0	0	0

### **CUMULATIVE GPA USED FOR RECOGNITION AT THE SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY AND COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

The GHC cumulative GPA that is computed at the end of the first semester of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade:

- Is used to determine the high honors (gold seal: 3.60 and above) and honors (silver seal: 3.00 to 3.59) designation awarded to graduates,
- Is used to select the senior class valedictorians (cumulative GPA of 4.0 and above) weighted GPA for GHC seniors is calculated at the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. It includes all marks earned and received from accredited high schools in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and the first semester of the 12<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Includes all Fail marks.
- Does not include courses taken during the final semester of the senior year.
- Incorporates all transcripts for courses taken outside of GHC before the end of the fall senior semester, which are submitted prior to the deadline posted and advertised yearly by the academic counseling office.

### **FINAL CUMULATIVE GPA**

The final cumulative GPA posted on the final transcript courses includes all eligible courses taken in the spring semester of the senior year, including college courses.

### **GPA AND COLLEGE ADMISSIONS**

There is various grade point averages (GPA) that are used for college related matters. Many colleges internally recalculate their applicant's GPAs. The Granada Hills Charter High School cumulative GPA is used mostly for scholarships, private and out of state college applications that ask for a weighted high school GPA.

### **CLASS RANKING**

Granada does not provide an individual GPA rank to colleges and universities. Many private/independent universities and scholarships want to know how a student has performed within the context of their school. At a high performing school such as Granada Hills Charter High School, it is a challenge to adequately give recognition to so many outstanding students. Accordingly, whenever a class rank is requested, we simply respond, "**Granada Hills Charter High School does not rank.**" Class rank is only used internally to identify valedictorians with the highest cumulative GPA's to determine who will deliver the valedictorian speech at the graduation ceremony.

### **CSU/UC GPA**

As of May 2018, the GPA for UC & CSU eligibility is the average of grades earned in the required "a-g" subjects completed from the summer after 9th grade to the summer after 11th grade. Extra points are awarded for up to 8 semesters of UC-certified advanced coursework which can be verified using UCOP Doorways. <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist#/list/search/institution>.

The UC/CSU GPA calculation has many nuances that are not listed here that may change at the discretion of UC/CSU institutions. For the most updated information regarding the UC/CSU GPA calculation, readers are advised to visit <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/q-and-a/calculating-gpa/index.html>

### **CAL GRANT GPA**

The purpose of the Cal Grant GPA is to determine the student's GPA eligibility for the Cal Grant Award.

The high school Cal Grant GPA is calculated on a 4.00 scale to two decimal places (between 0.00 and 4.00) and does NOT use a weighted scale. GPAs calculated beyond a 4.00 scale are not accepted. For students who have not yet completed high school, the GPA is calculated using all academic course work from the beginning of sophomore year to the summer following junior year. The high school Cal Grant GPA excludes Physical Education (PE), Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), and remedial courses. Remedial work is defined as any course that is not counted toward high school graduation. Failing grades must be included in the GPA calculation unless the course has been retaken.

For students who are graduating after their junior year, the GPA would only be calculated using sophomore grade course work, including any summer school course work following their sophomore year. For more information about Cal Grants, go to <http://www.calgrants.org/>.