



HS 9th Grade Guidance

Freshman year is an important year for you emotionally and academically. You transitioned to high school where we have higher expectations for you. You are learning how to be more independent from your parents and are learning more about yourself. More independence means more responsibility. In high school, you need to begin advocating for yourself. This means taking the initiative to communicate with your teachers, your coaches, your counselor and your assistant principal when you need something. We cannot help you if you do not talk to us.

Things to keep in mind:

Grades – They all count!!! Your grades a permanent part of your academic history/transcript. Each six weeks grade counts for 26.7% of your semester grade and the final exam is 20%. These four grades are used to calculate your semester grade.

$$(1^{st} \text{ 6 wks grade} \times 26.7) + (2^{nd} \text{ 6 wks} \times 26.7\%) + (3^{rd} \text{ 6 wks} + 26.7\%) + (\text{final exam} \times 20\%) = \text{semester 1 grade}$$

$$(4^{th} \text{ 6 wks grade} \times 26.7) + (5^{th} \text{ 6 wks} \times 26.7\%) + (6^{th} \text{ 6 wks} + 26.7\%) + (\text{final exam} \times 20\%) = \text{semester 2 grade}$$

Grade Calculators – Set your goal and use these resources to figure out what grades you need to earn for each 6 weeks to make the grade you want!

GOAL: I want to make an A (minimum of a 90) for the semester =

I need a total of 270 points for the three six weeks grades **AND** a 90+ on the final exam. Do the math:

270

- 1st 6 weeks grade
- ÷ 2 = is the grade I need for the 2nd & 3rd six weeks **AND** 90+ on the final exam

OR

270

- 1st 6 weeks grade
- 2nd 6 weeks grade
- 3rd six weeks grade **AND** 90+ on the final exam

GOAL: I want to make an B (minimum of an 80) for the semester =

I need a total of 240 points for the three six weeks grades **AND** an 80+ on the final exam. Do the math:

240

- 1st 6 weeks grade
- ÷ 2 = is the grade I need for the 2nd & 3rd six weeks **AND** 80+ on the final exam

OR

240

- 1st 6 weeks grade
- 2nd 6 weeks grade
- 3rd six weeks grade **AND** 80+ on the final exam

GOAL: I want to make an C (minimum of a 70) for the semester =

I need a total of 240 points for the three six weeks grades **AND** a 70+ on the final exam. Do the math:

210

- 1st 6 weeks grade
- ÷ 2 = is the grade I need for the 2nd & 3rd six weeks **AND** 70+ on the final exam

OR

210

- 1st 6 weeks grade
- 2nd 6 weeks grade
- 3rd six weeks grade **AND** 70+ on the final exam

Use this link to help you calculate the six weeks grades and final exam grade needed for the final semester grade you are trying to achieve, <https://tinyurl.com/3jnprj8e>

Credits – Grade levels in high school are based on credits. If you do not pass your classes, you do not earn credits. If you do not earn the number of credits needed, you will not move on to the next grade level.

0 – 5.5 Credits = **9th Grade**

12 – 18.5 credits = **11th grade**

6 – 11.5 credits = **10th grade**

19+ credits = **12th grade**

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A Few Questions

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To Candler, Dawn

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Mrs. Candler,

I hope your week is going well. I had a few questions I hope you would be able to answer.

1. If I were to want to switch from TCC to the AP version of a class, would this be possible? If I could, would I have to wait till the end of the semester or could this be done sooner? How would this show up on a transcript?

2. When GPA is determined, are all courses factored in or only those required for graduation?

Thank you for taking the time to answer my questions, it is greatly appreciated,

Student Name