

SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY

Pikeville Independent Schools

Pikeville High School

Policy Type (Check One)

Council Operations

School Operations

POLICY TOPIC DESCRIPTION

DETERMING WEIGHTED CLASSES POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

In order to encourage students to take more rigorous courses and in order to properly reward academic achievement in such courses, grades will be "weighted" in designated courses.

The courses designated as advance placement (AP) shall be given weighted grades. All other courses to be weighted shall be determined by the following three step process: 1) Department recommendation to the Academic Performance Committee, 2) Academic Performance Committee recommendation to the SBDM Council, 3) SBDM Council approval. The departments whose classes may be considered shall include; English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Arts and Humanities, Business and Practical Living.

In determining to weight a course, not otherwise so designated, the council will consider the following factors:

- 1) The degree of difficulty compared to other courses in the same discipline.
- 2) The degree of difficulty compared with other weighted courses.
- 3) Whether two or more courses in the same department, other than AP courses, are already weighted.
- 4) Whether the courses are designed to be taken by a junior or senior.
- 5) Whether the course is required for graduation, and if so, it shall not be considered.

In weighing the above factors, it is the objective of this policy to limit the number of weighted classes to only those classes with the highest degree of difficulty.

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