

## SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY

Pikeville Independent Schools

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POLICY TOPIC DESCRIPTION
Weighted Courses Policy

POLICY STATEMENT
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Several academic courses at Pikeville High School are considered more rigorous and therefore worthy of more weight for determining class rank.

The following Honors courses were added in the 2009-2010 school year: Honors Biology, Honors Physical Science, Honors Algebra I, Honors Algebra II, and Honors Geometry. After much discussion the following was proposed by a representative group of teachers, parents, administrators, and SBDM members:

- Honors Biology will be given weight and phased in with the 2009-2010 tenth graders
- Honors Physical Science will be given weight and phased in with the 2009-2010 ninth graders
- Honors Algebra I, Honors Algebra II, and Honors Geometry will be given weight and phased in with the 2009-2010 seventh graders
- Honors World Civilization will be given weight beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.
- Anatomy, Biochemistry, Honors Intro to Physics and PLTW Engineering Courses (4) will be given weight beginning in the 2019-2020 school year.

In addition, it was recommended that policy reflect that no junior high student receive weighted credit although junior high students taking high school courses will receive high school credit.

All dual credit courses are weighted. Transfer students will only receive weighted credit for classes that are weighted at Pikeville High School.

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, AP Environmental Science will be renamed Ecology, offered as an honors class and students would have the option to take the APES exam. Prerequisites for this class would remain the same as for APES.

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