

# DARIEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Darien, CT

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**Series 6000**  
**Instruction**

**Policy 6920**

### **WEIGHTED GRADING AND CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGES**

The Darien Board of Education (the “Board”) recognizes the importance of parents and students understanding the manner in which grade point averages are calculated within the Darien Public Schools (the “District”). In accordance with Connecticut law, this policy shall explain the manner in which grade point averages are calculated within the District.

#### **I. Calculation of Grade Point Average and Class Rank Percentile for Purposes of the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program**

The Board understands its obligation under state law to identify students in the District who are eligible for the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program (“CAAP”).

In accordance with state law, for each student who completes eleventh grade, the District will: (1) calculate a grade point average using the standardized method established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education (“BOR”) for purposes of the CAAP (“CAAP GPA”), and (2) determine whether such student’s class rank percentile is above or below the minimum established by the BOR. The District shall share a student’s CAAP GPA and whether the student is above or below the minimum class rank percentile for the CAAP with the student, the student’s parent or guardian, the Connecticut State Department of Education (“CSDE”), and, upon request, a participating institution for purposes of applying to such institution under the CAAP.

The District shall notify each student enrolled in the student’s final year of high school, and the parent or guardian of such student, whether the student may be admitted to at least one participating institution under the CAAP based on the academic threshold established by such institution.

The District shall calculate each student’s CAAP GPA, identify institutions to which students are eligible for automatic admission under the CAAP, and generate student letters in accordance with guidance issued by the CSDE, as such guidance may be amended from time to time.

#### **II. Calculation of Grade Point Averages For All Other Purposes**

The Darien Board of Education (the “Board”) understands the importance of parents and students understanding the manner in which grade point averages are calculated within the Darien Public Schools (the “District”). In accordance with

Connecticut law, this policy shall explain the manner in which grade point averages are calculated within the District.

The Board believes that, due to the rigorous nature of honors and/or advanced placement classes, grades earned in such classes deserve additional weight for the purposes of calculating grade point average and determining class rank. Therefore, it is the policy of the Board to grant grades earned in such courses additional weight for the aforementioned purposes.

### Calculating Grade Point Average

For all purposes other than qualifying students for the CAAP, a student's grade point average shall be calculated in the following manner:

Letter Grade	Numerical Equivalent Grade	Grade Point Equivalent by Course Level	
		300	400
A	93 through 100	4.0	4.5
A-	90 through 92	3.7	4.2
B+	87 through 89	3.3	3.8
B	83 through 86	3.0	3.5
B-	80 through 82	2.7	3.2
C+	77 through 79	2.3	2.8
C	73 through 76	2.0	2.5
C-	70 through 72	1.7	2.2
D+	67 through 69	1.3	1.8
D	63 through 66	1.0	1.5
D-	60 through 62	.7	1.2
F <i>Academic Failure</i>	Below 60	.0	.0
P <i>Pass</i>	60 through 100	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
NC <i>No Credit</i>	Below 60	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

I <i>Incomplete</i>	Incomplete	A Temporary Grade	A Temporary Grade
W <i>Withdrawal</i>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

The Grade Point Average (GPA) is computed at the end of each semester and is cumulative. Physical Education courses are not included in the GPA. Summer enrichment and after school enrichment courses are not included in the GPA.

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The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for implementing this policy and developing procedures in furtherance of this policy, if necessary.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-220g

Connecticut General Statutes § 10a-11h

Connecticut General Statutes § 10a-220q

Connecticut State Department of Education, *Information and Resources to Support Connecticut School for the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program (CAAP)*, available at <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Performance/Information-and-Resources-to-Support-Connecticut-Schools-for-CT-Automatic-Admissions-Program>

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