



Grading & GPA

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Purpose



Refresh: Grading & Credits

- Each year-long course is worth 1.0 credit. A semester only class is worth 0.5 credit.
- It is possible to earn 1.0 credit for each period with a max. of 8.0 credits per year.
- Courses are graded for each semester & averaged for final grade for the course.

For example:

English I:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{S1(Semester 1) Grade } & \mathbf{91} & \\ + \text{S2 (Semester 2) Grade } & \mathbf{94} & \\ \hline \text{Sum Total} & & \mathbf{185} \\ \\ / 2 & = & \text{Final Grade } \mathbf{93} \end{array}$$

So what makes up the S1?

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Q1 (Quarter 1) Grade} & & \\ + \text{Q2 (Quarter 2) Grade} & & \\ \hline \text{Sum Total} & & \\ \\ / 2 & = & \text{S1 (Semester 1) Grade} \end{array}$$

	Service ID	S1	S2	CR
LANGUAGE ARTS				
2021 ENG 1:Q	03220100	91	94	1.000
2022 ENG 2:Q	03220200	99	98	1.000
SPEECH				
2022 COMMAPP:D	03241400	91		0.500



Grading & GPA

It all comes back to the courses you take, the grade you earn, and the credits you get.

- Types of Courses:
 - Standard (also called Regular, or on-level)
 - Advanced
 - AP (Advanced Placement)
 - Dual Credit



Advanced Classes

- College Preparatory
- More Rigorous than Regular classes
- More Homework
- Expect to Study More

Dual Credit Classes

- Partnership with Dallas College
- Earns College Credit
- More Rigorous than Regular & Adv classes
- More Homework
- Expect to Study
- Online only - so must be independent
- Must pass TSI exam to qualify & apply to Dallas College as part of signing up for classes

AP or Advanced Placement®

- College Board® Sanctioned
- College Level
- More Rigorous than Regular classes
- More Homework
- Expected to Study
- Taught by high school staff with College Board approved syllabus
- Exam Program in Spring that cost money
- Scored 1-5
- 3+ Score on Exam Earns College Credit



Grade Point Average (GPA)

- The GRADE you earn in a class is NOT THE SAME as GPA Points.
 - Grades are assigned 0-100. GPA Points are assigned 0 to 6.0.
- GPA Points are assigned based on the grade you earn.
- Grade Point Average = $\text{Sum of GPA Points Assigned} / \text{\# of classes attempted}$
- Grade Point Average (GPA) begins at the end of the **very first semester of high school**. The higher the semester grade the more points you earn.
- If you fail a class you will not receive any points. Therefore, a zero averages into the total number of grade points.
- GPA is calculated at the end of each semester. It will be updated on transcripts in January and June. It is cumulative (all semesters included)



Calculating your Grade Point Average (GPA)

- All classes are not weighted equally! As you choose more rigorous classes, you have the opportunity to earn greater value of GPA points for them.
- Forney ISD GPA is calculated on a 5.0 scale, with the opportunity to earn additional weight for advanced, AP, and dual credit coursework.
- Advanced courses can earn 0.5 points more than a regular class.
- AP and campus dual credit can earn an entire point more than a regular class.
- As your grade goes down, your GPA points go down.
- Specific grade points used can be found in the [Forney ISD Grading Policy](#).



How are GPA Points Assigned?

Standard (on-level)

Grade 100 = 5.0 GPA points
Grade 95 = 4.5 GPA points
Grade 80 = 3.0 GPA Points
Grade 70 = 2.0 GPA Points

Advanced

Grade 100 = 5.5 GPA points
Grade 95 = 5.0 GPA points
Grade 80 = 3.5 GPA Points
Grade 70 = 2.5 GPA Points

AP/DC English

Grade 100 = 6.0 GPA points
Grade 95 = 5.5 GPA points
Grade 80 = 4.0 GPA Points
Grade 70 = 3.0 GPA Points

- It's not always better to take the Adv or Dual Credit - if you are struggling or failing in advanced or dual credit, it can be more harmful to your GPA to fail it.
- Some of you are also underperforming! Your teachers may make recommendations for you to try advanced or AP because you have the potential to do well. Talk to them! They see you and your work ethic and ability every day.



Classes that do not Count in GPA

- Fine Arts (except AP and Advanced)
- P.E. or any athletic period including ROTC
- Summer School
- Credit by Exam
- Off campus Dual Credit (Summer, Winter/Maymester)
- Middle School Courses



Class Rank

- Class rank is a measure of how a student's performance compares to other students in their graduating class.
- Your cumulative GPA determines your class rank.
- Your GPA is weighted.
- GPA and Class Rank are only updated at semester.

Date of Class Rank: 06/21/2022 Rank: 35 Class Size: 508
Weighted 5.0 Rank GPA: 4.75385
College 4.0: 3.96429



What to Expect Next

- CHRISTMAS BREAK!
- Course Selection Opens in January
 - Next Videos on Course Selection in January
 - Select Courses in Skyward by January 27th
 - Attend Focus Nights/Mandatory Mtgs
 - CTE Programs & Dual Credit Meetings
 - Meet individually with your counselor
 - January - March to confirm selections
 - Complete any additional steps for special programs
- All videos are on school website
- All resources we provide when we start scheduling will be there as well



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