



Birmingham Community Charter High School

Board Policy 30 – Grade Point Average

Purpose(s):

The purpose of this document is to establish Birmingham Community Charter High School (BCCHS) policy for determining High School Grade Point Average and rank in class. This replaces LAUSD Bulletin 1055

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UC and CSU GPA Criteria
NCAA GPA Criteria

Attachments:

BACKGROUND:

BCCHS currently follows LAUSD's adopted GPA policy and UC/CSU GPA computations to help students apply to universities, scholarships and other educational institutions and/or fellowships. To better align with the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems, the following guidelines constitutes the BCCHS GPA policy.

INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES:

I. DEFINITION OF BCCHS GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

The BCCHS GPA is the computation of all marks earned on A-G courses approved by the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) from the summer following 9th grade through first semester of twelfth grade.

II. USES OF BCCHS GPA

- A. BCCHS GPA is computed at the end of the first semester of the twelfth grade and used:
 - 1. To determine class rank within the entire BCCHS senior class.
 - 2. To determine the high honors (gold seal: 3.60 and above) and honors (silver seal: 3.00 to 3.59) designation awarded to graduates.
 - 3. To select the valedictorian (highest GPA) and salutatorian (next highest GPA), and
 - 4. To select students for various honors and awards.
- B. Applications for specific colleges, universities, scholarships, or lending institutions may require a different GPA calculation specific to that institution or program.

III. CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING THE BCCHS GPA

- A. For a student's GPA to be included in the senior class rank, a minimum of 80 credits or 3 semesters of coursework must have been attempted at BCCHS, with one semester being the fall of grade twelve.
- B. The BCCHS GPA is calculated at the end of the first semester of the twelfth grade. It includes all marks earned and received from accredited high schools in the 10th and 11th grades and the first semester of the 12th grade as well as summers following grades 9, 10 and 11. It includes all Fail marks. When a course is repeated, both marks are included in the GPA calculation. BCCHS GPA is recorded on the student's cumulative record and is printed on the student's electronic transcript.
- C. The BCCHS GPA is based on a four-point scale. An additional point is given to selected courses earning a mark of "C" or better that meet the following criteria:
 - a. Advanced Placement (AP)
 - b. Honors Level approved by UCOP
 - c. Community college courses that are UC and CSU transferrable, taken concurrently with prior approval from the school.
- D. Courses completed during the final semester of the senior year are not included in the BCCHS GPA computation.
- E. Marks earned on A-G courses completed in summer school between 9th and 10th grades, 10th and 11th grades and 11th and 12th grades are recorded in the appropriate 10th, 11th and/or 12th grade columns.
- F. Credits received from non-accredited schools will be posted. Marks will not be posted. Coursework from non-accredited schools that have not received Principal Certification, as described in UCOP admissions policy, will not be included in the GPA computation.
- G. The BCCHS GPA for students who must remain in high school beyond the twelfth grade will include courses completed through the first half of the final year of attendance.



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IV. COMPUTATION OF THE BCCHS GPA

- A. When calculating the senior class rank, include only the GPAs for those seniors with a minimum of 80 credits or 3 semesters of coursework, with one semester in the fall of the twelfth grade attempted at BCCHS.
- B. The values of marks earned are as follows: A=4 B=3 C=2 D=1 F=0
Courses completed with a mark of "C" or better that meet the criteria described in Section III (C) will accrue an additional point value.
- C. The manual computation of BCCHS GPA is as follows:
 - A chart is prepared, as shown in the examples that follow
 - Enter the number of courses attempted in the rows labeled A, B, C, D and F.
 - Add the column of number of courses attempted
 - Multiply as required to compute the grade points by row
 - Compute the total grade points by adding the column
 - Count all courses that meet the criteria for an additional point value
 - Add Total Grade Points and Total Additional Point Values
 - Divide this sum by total courses attempted

Example 1

Marks	Number of Courses	X Value	Grade Points
A	15	4	60
B	19	3	57
C	7	2	14
D	1	1	1
F	1	0	0
Total Number of Courses Attempted	43	Total Number of Grade Points	132

Total Number of Semester Courses with Additional Points earned: 15

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BCCHS GPA} &= (\text{Total Grade Points} + \text{Additional Points}) / \text{Number of Courses} \\ &= (132 + 15) / 43 \\ &= 3.41 \end{aligned}$$

Example 2

Marks	Number of Courses	X Value	Grade Points
A	45	4	180
B	0	3	0
C	0	2	0
D	0	1	0
F	0	0	0
Total Number of Courses Attempted	45	Total Number of Grade Points	180

Total Number of Semester Courses with Additional Points earned: 15

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BCCHS GPA} &= (\text{Total Grade Points} + \text{Additional Points}) / \text{Number of Courses} \\ &= (180 + 15) / 45 \\ &= 4.33 \end{aligned}$$



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V. CLASS RANK

- A. The purpose of class rank is to determine the relative academic standing of each student in a school's graduating class. Class rank is based on BCCHS GPA and used to determine the valedictorian(s) and salutatorian(s) of the senior class and to determine the awarding of high honors and honors designation as well as other awards.
- B. Method of Computing rank
 1. In determining rank, the total number of students enrolled in 12th grade should be the number reported in the sixth month Classification Report.
 2. BCCHS GPAs are ranked in numbered order from the highest to the lowest. There may be more than one student for any given rank. All students with the same GPA are given the same rank number. Consequently, the students that follow are assigned a ranking equal to their chronological position in the class ranking order.

Example:

Rank	Name with Chronological Position	GPA
1	Student 1	4.45
1	Student 2	4.45
3	Student 3	4.25
4	Student 4	4.00
4	Student 5	4.00
4	Student 6	4.00
7	Student 7	3.98

VI. RECORDING THE GPA AND CLASS RANK

The BCCHS GPA and class rank are recorded on the cumulative record in Section 7 – Graduation Data.

VII. IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation of this policy begins with the graduating class of 2016