

11th Grade Workshops!

9/30 GPA Q&A

3:30 -4:30pm

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Workshop Purpose:

- Clear up common misconceptions and rumors about GPA
- Explain how Different college systems calculate GPA
- Give students some easy tools to calculate GPA
- **ABOVE ALL - Educate SMHS Students so you feel empowered to do what is best FOR YOU going forward (and hopefully even alleviate some stress!)**

High School G.P.A. Uses

- To qualify for school sports (2.0 and above)
- To qualify for a work permit (2.0 and above)
- To qualify and apply for 4-year college *right after high school*
- Scholarships
- Financial Aid Grants
- Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) for the U.C. System
- Cheaper car insurance!

High School GPA is NEVER used for

- Applying to Graduate programs (Medical School, Law School)
- Transferring to a 4-year from community college
- Class Rank for SMHS Students*
 - Some districts *rank students by GPA, we do not.

Common GPA Myths:

- **MYTH: There is only one way to calculate GPA**
 - **Fact:** There is one way to average the GPA numbers, but not everyone includes the same information. Different colleges & programs will count different classes in your GPA.

- **MYTH: The GPA on my transcript is what all colleges see**
 - **Fact:** Some colleges will see your high school transcript when you apply, some will not. For many schools you self report your grades, and they calculate your GPA.

Common GPA Myths:

- **Myth: Only classes on my SMHS transcript count in my GPA**
 - **Fact:** If you took a course at any accredited school, and earned a grade, you will report it to colleges you apply to. It will count in your GPA

- **Myth: My High School Grades follow me forever**
 - **Fact:** Once you graduate from high school and move on to college, it is very rare to need your high school GPA.
 - Gap Year
 - Change colleges

Calculating GPA: UCs & CSUs

- ★ Same for UC/CSU
- ★ 10th and 11th grade classes ONLY
- ★ A-G courses ONLY
- ★ GPA bump for up to 8 semesters (4 classes)

Calculating GPA: UCs & CSUs

<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/eligibility-index>

Student Name	Student ID	Grade	Birthdate	Counselor	Transcript of Student Progress
Sandra, Studentson I	0001122334	11	07/11/2004	Zimmerman, J	September 28, 2020 San Mateo High School
Parent/guardian name, address, telephone Mr & Mrs Studentson 405 Bearcat Ln Foster City, CA 94404 - (650) 444-1234					
Crs-ID	Course Title	Mark Att/Cmp	Crs-ID	Course Title	Mark Att/Cmp
Grade 9 Fall 2018-2019					
San Mateo High School					
12118	English 1 AS F	B+ 5.00 5.00	210378	SchComServ 1 S	CR 5.00 5.00
218258	Health	A 5.00 5.00	2148	English 2 S	CR 5.00 5.00
3008	Algebra 1 F	A+ 5.00 5.00	3218	Geometry S	CR 5.00 5.00
4018	Biology-Lvg Erth F+B	5.00 5.00+	4228	Chem Eth Sys S	CR 5.00 5.00
5218	French 1 F	B 5.00 5.00	5248	French 2 S	CR 5.00 5.00
6318	Dance F	A 5.00 5.00	71128	AP Euro Hist S	CR 5.00 5.00
8018	PE 1 S	A 5.00 5.00	8048	PE 2 S	CR 5.00 5.00
Credit Att: 35.00 Cmp: 35.00 TGPA: 0.00					
--WORK IN PROGRESS--					
San Mateo High School					
Grade 9 Spring 2018-2019					
San Mateo High School					
1108	Cont Wld St	A- 5.00 5.00	210588	NotAI Schol P	0.00 0.00
132128	English 1 AS S	A- 5.00 5.00	2158	English 3 F	5.00 0.00
3018	Algebra 1 S	A 5.00 5.00	2198	SMSU C	0.00 0.00
4028	Biology-Lvg Erth SA-	A- 5.00 5.00	3528	Health	5.00 0.00
5228	French 1 S	A- 5.00 5.00	4218	Chem Erth	5.00 0.00
6328	Dance S	A- 5.00 5.00	5238	French 2 F	A 5.00 5.00
8028	PE 1 S	A 5.00 5.00	+ 71118	AP Euro Hist F	C 5.00 5.00
Credit Att: 35.00 Cmp: 35.00 TGPA: 3.71					
Grade 10 Fall 2018-2019					
San Mateo High School					
210368	SchComServ	CR 5.00 5.00	2138	English 2 F	A 5.00 5.00
3208	Geometry F	A 5.00 5.00	4218	Chem Erth	A 5.00 5.00
5238	French 2 F	A 5.00 5.00	71118	AP Euro Hist F	C 5.00 5.00
8038	PE 2 S	A 5.00 5.00	Credit Att: 35.00 Cmp: 35.00 TGPA: 3.71		
Grade 10 Spring 2019-2020					
San Mateo High School					
Course Tags: + = Honors (weighted) r = Repeated					
Weighted Non-Wgtd		Student Data			
Total GPA 3.76 3.71		SUP: GI: W = WITHDRAWN E = EXEMPT			
Credit Attempted: 140.00					
Credit Completed: 140.00					
District Enter: 8/15/2018					
School Enter: 8/15/2018					
Class of 2022					
State ID# 2197505215		Physical Education 20.00 20.00 -			
Transcript is unofficial unless signed		Visual & Pierf Arts 10.00 10.00 -			
WASC Accredited School		World Languages 10.00 10.00 -			
Signature: _____		CTE 10.00 - 10.00			
Date: _____		Electives 40.00 20.00 20.00			
		* TOTALS * 220.00 140.00 80.00			

NOT "A-G" Courses

+ & - Do not impact GPA

Easy way to Calculate!

As = 4
Bs = 1
Cs = 1
Ds = 0
Fs = 0
+ = 1

UC GPA = 3.61 (not the same as on transcript!)

Instructions from the website:

- If you've taken any approved honors, Advanced Placement (AP), college, or International Baccalaureate (IB) classes in the 10th, 11th or 12th grades, enter the number of honors course grades you have earned that are C or better. The maximum number of honors courses you can use is eight semesters. No more than two approved honors-level courses taken in the 10th grade may be given extra points. Do not enter any count for honors courses with a grade of D or below. Enter one for each semester of approved honors work up to a maximum count of eight.
- College courses used to meet CSU "a-g" requirements can also result in honors points. But no more than eight honors points may be awarded. A semester grade in a college course should be counted twice. For example, if you earned a B in a biology course at a community college, you would count this B grade twice in your GPA calculation.
- After you enter all your course counts, click the Calculate button to get your GPA. Once you know your high school GPA you can calculate your Eligibility Index.

Tricky Things!

- ★ CSM Classes = 1 semester & 1 GPA Bump *(For GPA purposes)*
- ★ Out of District Classes = A-G approved count exactly the same way (BYU, UC Scout, etc)
- ★ Out of State High Schools

Private School GPA

- ★ Typically Submit a transcript in your college application
- ★ All classes included
- ★ 9 - 11 (Sometimes First Semester 12th)

Private School GPA

Course Tags:	+ = Honors (weighted)		r = Repeat
	Weighted	Non-Wgtd	Student Data
Total GPA	3.76	3.71	
Credit Attempted:	140.00		
Credit Completed:	140.00		
District Enter: 8/15/2018			
School Enter: 8/15/2018			
Class of 2022			
State ID#	2222222222		

Total UNWEIGHTED GPA

Often The first thing admissions officer will review.

Total WEIGHTED GPA

May or may not be reviewed! Will be a point of interest.

Tricky Things!

- ★ Private Schools don't often reveal GPA data, or what they consider in "GPA"
- ★ Out of District Classes & CSM classes not on our transcript will be submitted separately by you, we can't know how that goes into your "GPA" (Guesstimate??)

Other Systems (out of state state public schools)

- ★ Alllllll over the map
- ★ Research on your own details...
 - [University of Oregon](#)
 - [University of Michigan](#)

-Final Takeaways-

- ★ GPA = Subjective (there is no ONE version of GPA)
- ★ GPA is a starting point to help you determine your own path
- ★ Avoid HYPER focus on GPA
- ★ Avoid COMPARING GPAs
- ★ Take classes you like and subjects that interest you
- ★ Do your BEST!

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