

Milton High School

Grade Point Average (GPA) Cheat Sheet

Cumulative Numeric Average

FCS calculates cumulative numeric averages for students by adding up all grades in all classes and dividing by the total number of classes taken. This numeric average is on a 100-point scale; *for example*: 87.963 out of 100. Remember, failed grades, summer school grades, online grades, and transfer grades are included in this. All courses listed on the transcript are averaged together.

FCS also adds 7 points to the final passing grade for all Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and Dual Enrollment (DE) courses taken. This is shown as the final grade on the transcript.

Academic GPA

FCS does NOT calculate averages on a 4.0 Scale. First, you must contact your college of interest to find out how they calculate your GPA for admissions. Most will use this scale:

A = 4.0

B = 3.0

C = 2.0

F = 0.0

Looking at your academic course grades (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language), assign a 4, 3, 2, or 0 for each course, add them together, and divide by the total number of courses. This will be an estimated academic GPA. If the college gives extra points for Honors, AP, or DE, please add those points before calculating. If the college *removes* the additional 7 points added for Honors, AP, and DE, do that first before assigning the 4, 3, 2, or 0 and averaging. This is also known as an unweighted GPA.

Each college calculates GPA differently; therefore, you may have 4 or 5 slightly different GPA calculations depending on what the colleges want. **PLEASE NOTE:** Contact the college admissions office *directly* to find out how they calculate GPA. **Your counselor is not a member of the admissions department and cannot tell you what the college expects or calculate this GPA for you!**

HOPE Scholarship GPA

The eligibility GPA for the HOPE and Zell-Miller Scholarship is calculated by averaging ONLY unweighted, academic courses (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language) taken in **high school**, including your failed courses within this criteria. Grades from high school courses taken in middle school are not calculated in the HOPE GPA. All courses are averaged together and students need to earn an unweighted academic GPA of 3.0 for HOPE and 3.7 for Zell-Miller. See example below for how to calculate an unweighted academic GPA using your transcript grades:

Course Title	Grade on Transcript	Grade for HOPE/Zell	Conversion to use for GPA
9 th Lit/Comp	95	95	4.0
Algebra I Honors	97	90	4.0
AP Psychology	92	85	3.0
College English (DE)	82	75	2.0

Note: Relying on your 7 rigor points to get you to the next letter grade is great for the transcript, but not great for the HOPE/Zell GPA. This program does not round up, so a 2.999 stands. Visit GaFutures.org to read the full list of eligibility requirements for these scholarships!

