GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) CHEAT SHEET



As you will soon learn, there are many different definitions of GPA. Here are a few of them:

1. **Cumulative Numeric Average:** Fulton County 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; i.e., 87.963 out of 100. Remember, failed grades, summer school grades, Night school grades and online grades are included in this. All courses listed on the transcript are averaged together. Also, Fulton County adds 7 points to the final passing grade for each Honors, AP and college course taken; therefore, the Cumulative Numeric Average is a weighted average. This is shown as the final grade on the transcript.

2. **Academic GPA:** Fulton County does NOT calculate averages on a 4.0 scale. First you must contact the college to find out how they calculate GPA's. Most will use this scale: A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, and F=0. Looking at your academic courses (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language) assign a 4, 3, 2 or 0 for each course, add them together and divide by the total number of academic courses. This will be an estimated academic GPA. If the college gives extra points for Honors, AP and Joint Enrollment, please add the points before calculating. If the college takes off the additional 7 points added for Honors, AP and Joint Enrollment, do that first before assigning the 4, 3, 2, etc. Each college calculates GPA's differently; therefore, you may have 4 or 5 slightly different GPA calculations if you are applying to 4 or 5 different colleges. PLEASE NOTE: Contact the College Admissions office to find out how they calculate the GPA. ***Fulton County counselors CAN NOT calculate GPA's for you.***

3. **HOPE / Zell Miller Scholarship GPA:** GPA's for the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships are calculated by averaging **ALL** core academic courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language) taken in **high school**, including failed courses. **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 a 3.0 GPA for HOPE and a 3.7 for Zell Miller to be eligible. (Side Note: The Zell Miller Scholarship also requires a 1200 SAT score (Math and Verbal) or a 26 composite score on the ACT *before* your high school graduation date.) In addition, all honors points are removed before the calculation and .50 weighting is added back in for AP and College (Dual Enrollment) courses only. The grading scale is as follows A = 90-100 = 4.0, B = 80-89 = 3.0, C = 70-79 = 2.0 F = 0. If it is an honors or an AP course, remove the 7 points before converting to 4, 3, 2 or 0. All AP and College courses can have .50 added back in. For ex: 96 in AP Lang/Comp. Remove 7 points = 89. 89= 3.0. .50 weighting added back in for an AP course, total weight for this course is 3.5. Please note: A 2.99 GPA does NOT qualify you for HOPE. All calculations are done by the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

CALCULATING THE ACADEMIC GPA

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COURSE (Academic – English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language)	GRADE	QUALITY POINT A = 90 -100 = 4.0 B = 80 - 89 = 3.0 C = 70 - 79 = 2.0 F = 0 - 69 = 0.0	GRADE without the 7 Honors Points if applicable	QUALITY POINT A = 90 -100 = 4.0 B = 80 - 89 = 3.0 C = 70 - 79 = 2.0 F = 0 - 69 = 0.0
Ex. 9th Grade Lit/Comp H – Semester 1	86	3	79	2
Ex. 9th Grade Lit/Comp – Semester 2	94	4	94	4
	Weighted GPA		Unweighted GPA	