

Weighted Grades

A = 4 | B = 3 | C = 2 | D = 1 | F = 0

Weighted grades are calculated by providing higher points for grades earned in Honors courses and still higher points for grades earned in AP courses:

Honors Courses	AP Courses, Running Start & College Level Courses
A = 4.5	A = 5
B = 3.5	B = 4
C = 2.5	C = 3
D = 1.5	D = 2
F = 0	F = 0

Because Grand Coulee Dam School District uses a +/- grading scale, the above table is only a sampling of options. The easiest way for students to calculate the weighted grade point average is to add .5 to the GPA for honors classes and a 1.0 for Advanced Placement classes.

Why did the school board implement a change to weighted grades?

The board implemented weighted grades to provide students the opportunity to take more challenging courses without being penalized for not getting an A. We want students taking courses they are interested in, and that will best prepare them for post-secondary studies.