

WEIGHTED GRADING AND CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGES

The Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education (the “Board”) understands the importance of parents and students understanding the manner in which grade point averages are calculated within the Regional School District 17 Public Schools (the “District”). In accordance with Connecticut law, this policy shall explain the manner in which grade point averages are calculated within the District.

I. Calculation of Grade Point Average for Purposes of the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program

The Board understands its obligation under state law to identify students in the District who are eligible for the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program (“CAAP”).

In accordance with state law, for each student who completes eleventh grade, the District will: (1) calculate the unweighted grade point average for purposes of the CAAP (“CAAP GPA”), and (2) determine whether such student’s CAAP GPA is above or below the minimum established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education (“BOR”). The District shall share a student’s CAAP GPA and whether the student is above or below the minimum established by the BOR with the student, the student’s parent or guardian, the Connecticut State Department of Education (“CSDE”), and, upon request, a participating institution for purposes of applying to such institution under the CAAP.

The District shall notify each student enrolled in the student’s final year of high school, and the parent or guardian of such student, whether the student may be admitted to at least one participating institution under the CAAP based on the academic threshold established by such institution.

II. Calculating Grade Point Average

The Board believes that, due to the rigorous nature of certain classes, the grades earned in such classes deserve additional weight for purposes of calculating grade point average. These rigorous classes include selected Honors and Advanced-level courses (see HKHS Opportunities Course Catalog). Therefore, it is the policy of the Board to grant grades earned in such courses additional weight for the aforementioned purposes.

A student’s grade point average shall be calculated in the following manner:

All courses taken at HKHS are included in the weighted GPA. Courses in the following areas receive bonus weight:

- Selected Honors courses—see HKHS Opportunities Course Catalog (0.3 bonus)
- Selected Advanced Level courses—see HKHS Opportunities Course Catalog (0.5 bonus)

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for implementing this policy and developing procedures in furtherance of this policy, if necessary.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-220g

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-220q

Connecticut General Statutes § 10a-11h

Public Act 24-47, “An Act Modifying the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program”

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