

TRANSCRIPTS AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The purpose of a high school transcript is to provide a comprehensive and accurate view of a student's academic record and achievements in a manner that can be understood by post-secondary institutions, prospective employers, and other audiences with an interest in a student's proficiency and accomplishments.

In order to recognize and reward all levels of academic success, RSU No. 5 shall outline predefined thresholds which provide every student an opportunity to strive for a high level of academic success, excellence, and recognition irrespective of the comparable achievements of their fellow students.

To recognize and report such achievement, the policy of the Board is as follows:

- A. Freeport High School will calculate an accumulated grade point average (GPA) for all courses completed by a student at Freeport High School.
- B. Freeport High School will award both an unweighted and weighted GPA for students and both will be reported on a student's transcript.
 - 1. The unweighted GPA will be calculated based on all courses receiving an equal weight regardless of subject matter or degree of difficulty.
 - 2. A weighted GPA will be calculated by assigning a weighting factor of 1.05 to honors and Advanced Placement (AP) level courses.
 - 3. Courses are weighted only for the purpose of the cumulative weighted GPA and will not affect semester honor roll calculations.
- C. Courses graded pass/fail will not be included in the calculation of a student's GPA.
- D. For transfer students or students receiving credits with prior permission from other institutions, letter or numerical grades may be received. These grades will be interpreted by the Guidance Department in a standard manner to fairly transfer grades from grading systems different from Freeport High School.
- E. All weighted and unweighted GPAs will be recalculated at the end of each semester for use by the Guidance Department and will be added to student transcripts, which will be made available to third parties, on request by students or parents.
- F. Academic Honor Roll:
Reported at end of each semester
Students qualify in one of two categories:

- a. High Honors: All course grades are 93 or higher.
 - b. Honors: All course grades are 83 or higher.
- G. Freeport High School will not determine a rank in class.
- H. Individual academic awards or recognitions at any level of study will not be determined solely on the basis of GPA.
- I. Student academic achievements will be grouped within numerical bands and utilized to identify, report and reward individual accomplishments for purposes of graduation. These bands will include four Honor Bands, which will identify those graduating seniors who at the end of the 1st semester of their senior year have a weighted Grade Point Average of:

84.5 to 88.4	Cum Laude
88.5 to 92.4	Magna Cum Laude
92.5 to 95.4	Summa Cum Laude
95.5 to 100	Summa Cum Laude with Distinction

Official transcripts issued by Freeport High School will include the following:

- The student's full name, date(s) of enrollment and date of graduation;
- Names of courses/learning experiences, content areas shown in full;
- The grade level/year in which each course/learning experience was completed and its duration (e.g., semester or full year); and
- The student's weighted and unweighted GPA.

Cross reference: IKAB – Grading System/Reporting Student Proficiency
 IKF – Graduation Requirements

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