



Computing of Grade Point Averages

GPA's already earned by students will be recalculated on the basis of the South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale. All South Carolina public schools will use the following formula to compute all GPA's:

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\text{sum}(\text{quality points} \times \text{units})}{\text{sum of units attempted}}$$

STUDENT EXAMPLE

Course Taken	Numerical Average	Quality Points	Unit
English I	91	4.100	1
Algebra I	87	3.700	1
Physical Science	94	4.700	1
World History			
Honors	83	3.800	1
Physical Education I	92	4.200	1
French I	84	3.400	1

COMPUTATION

Quality Points		Units	
4.100	x	1.0	4.1
3.700	x	1.0	3.7
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3.800	x	1.0	3.8
4.200	x	0.5	2.1
3.400	x	1.0	3.4
Sum of units attempted		5.5	21.8

sum of quality points x units
divided by sum of units attempted

$$21.8 \div 5.5 = 3.96363636 \rightarrow \text{GPA}$$

Computations will not be rounded to a higher number.

The establishment of criteria for determining honor graduates, including the valedictorian or salutatorian, is a local decision. Local boards may establish earlier cutoffs (e.g., the seventh semester of high school, the third nine weeks of the senior year) when ranking students for any local purpose. However, class rank for LIFE Scholarships is determined at the conclusion of the spring semester of the senior year.