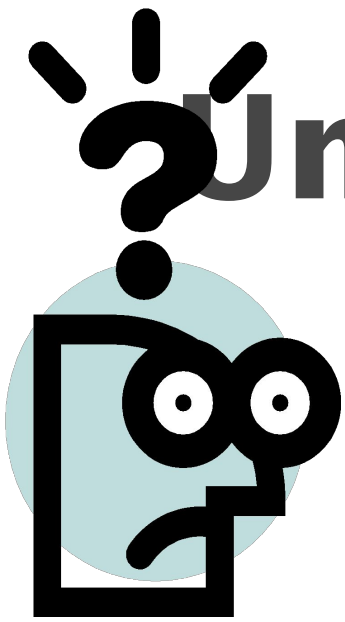


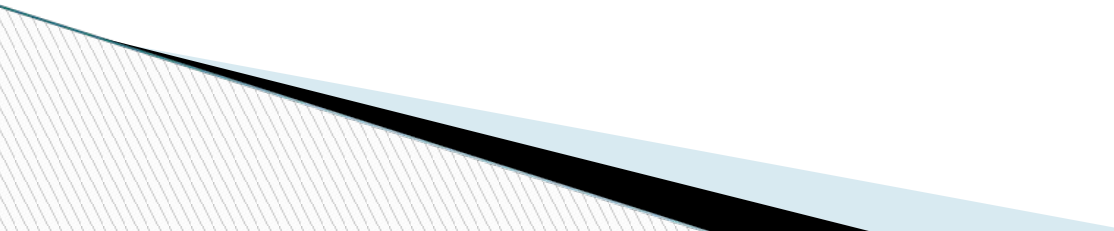


Understanding your GPA

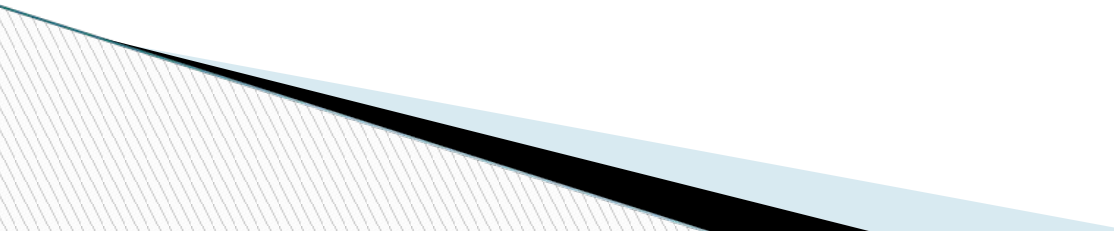
What does it mean?

Why is it important?

What does GPA mean?

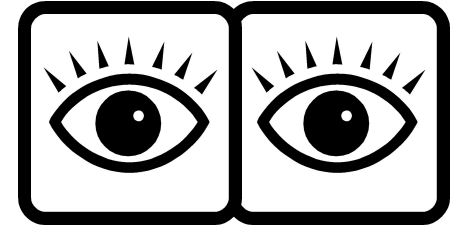
- GPA (Grade Point Average): A numerical representation of how well you have performed in classes
 - Weighted GPA: Added points for courses that are more rigorous (example: Honors, AP or IB)
 - Unweighted GPA: How well you performed in each class on a 4.0 scale.
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Weighted GPA

- Regular Courses 4.0 scale
 - Honors Courses 5 scale (1 additional quality point)
 - Foreign language courses above level 2 receive honors credit
 - AP (Advanced Placement) Courses 6.0 scale (2 additional quality point)
 - Community College Courses 5.0 (1 additional quality point)
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Why is it important?

- ▣ Colleges look at GPAs to admit students
- ▣ Scholarships look at GPAs
- ▣ Summer programs look at GPAs
- ▣ Enrichment opportunities look at GPAs
- ▣ To get your license you must pass 3 out of 4 courses the previous semester.



More reasons why it's important...

- ▣ Sports eligibility in high school: You must pass 3 out of 4 courses the previous semester
- ▣ Sports eligibility in college (NCAA Clearing house)
 - They look at unweighted GPA of your Core Academic classes only

Criteria for College Admission

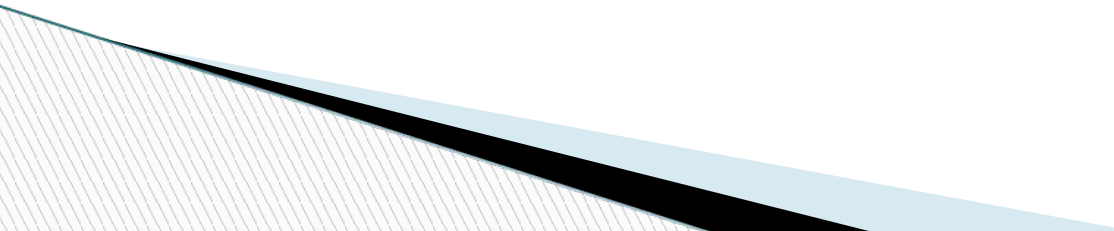
- High School GPA
 - Test scores (SAT or ACT)
 - Extracurricular Activities
 - School or Community Related
 - Recommendations (most schools require)
 - Essays (some schools require)
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Average of students accepted into NC Schools

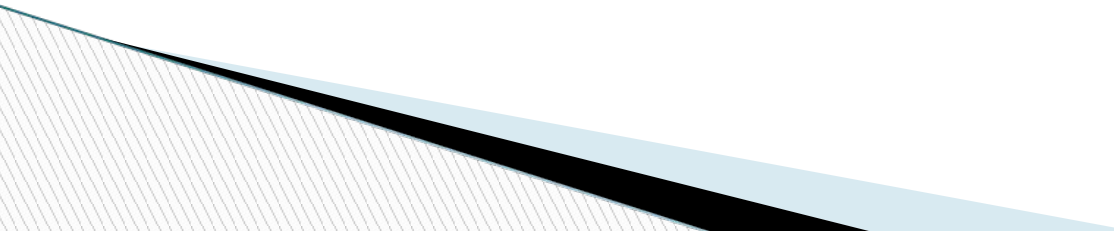
University	Weighted GPA	Unweighted GPA
UNC-Wilmington	4.1	3.75
East Carolina University	3.67	3.1
UNC - Chapel Hill	4.59	4.0
NC State	4.49	3.54
UNC - Charlotte	3.86	3.4
NC Central	3.2	Minimum 2.0
NC A & T	3.48	Minimum 2.5

When should a student begin working on GPA?

EVERY SEMESTER in high school counts!
Don't give up on ANY courses!
Start working NOW!



Weighted GPA

- The more Honors or AP classes, the easier it is to pull up your weighted GPA
 - But remember... colleges look at weighted and unweighted GPA.
 - Take the highest level that you can be successful in (A's or B's)
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Class Rank

- ▣ Uses weighted GPAs to order students in the senior class from highest GPA to lowest



What is needed to bring up a GPA?

- Wanda wants to go to UNC- Charlotte

Her GPA is 3.0 at the end of her Freshman Year
(8 courses)

What grades will she need to make in 10th and 11th grades in order to raise it to a 3.4—the minimum GPA for accepted freshman at UNC-Charlotte

Answer...

- Wanda must have a 3.6 GPA in 10th and 11th grades to bring the 3.0 up to a 3.4

This means an “A” in all classes $93\% = 3.63$

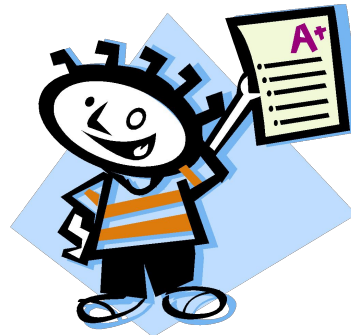
Which student would a University feel is stronger?

Student A

- English I: 85
- Algebra: 85
- Earth/Environmental: 88
- World History: 83
- Healthful Living: 98
- Computer Apps: 95
- Spanish I: 88
- Art: 95

Student B

- Honors English I: 85
- Honors Geometry: 85
- Honors Earth: 88
- World History: 83
- Healthful Living: 98
- Computer Apps: 95
- Spanish I: 88
- Art: 95



***Student B* has a higher weighted GPA and Class rank**

□ Student A

- Unweighted: 3.175
- Weighted: 3.175
- Class Rank: 126 out of 251

□ Student B

- Unweighted: 3.175
- Weighted: 3.55
- Class Rank: 92 out of 251

Which student would a University feel is stronger?

Student C

- English I: 92
- Algebra: 92
- Earth/Environmental: 92
- World History: 85
- Healthful Living: 98
- Computer Apps: 95
- Spanish I: 88
- Art: 95

Student B

- Honors English I: 85
- Honors Geometry: 85
- Honors Earth: 88
- World History: 83
- Healthful Living: 98
- Computer Apps: 95
- Spanish I: 88
- Art: 95

***Student B* still has a higher weighted GPA and Class Rank**

Student C

- Unweighted GPA: 3.476
- Weighted 3.476
- Class Rank 102 out of 251

Student B

- Unweighted: 3.175
- Weighted: 3.55
- Class Rank 92 out of 251

Did you know?

Top 10% of Seniors...

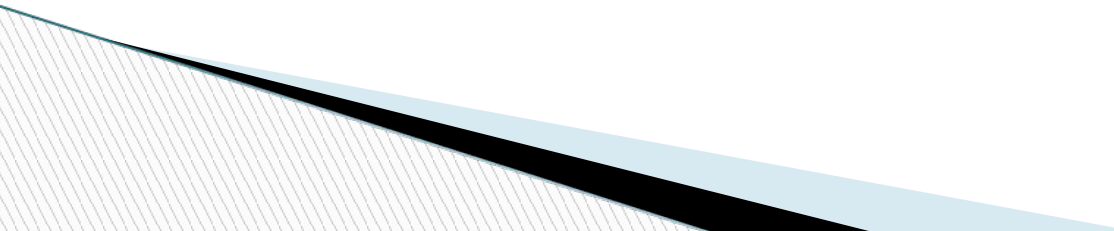
May be admitted to the following schools:

Duke

Wake Forest

UNC-Chapel Hill

Top 10% weighted GPA 4.5 -5.0



Did you know?

Top 25 % of Seniors...

May be admitted to:

NC State

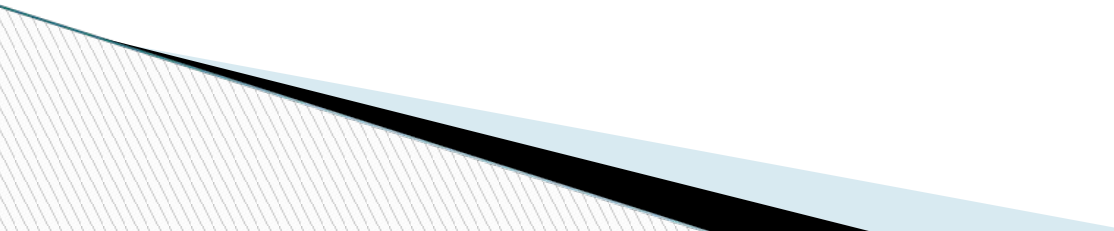
UNC- Wilmington

Appalachian

ECU

- ▣ Top 25% has weighted GPA of 3.9- 5.0

Did you know?

- ★ There is a school for you and many that WANT you!!
 - ★ Some state schools accept students with a 2.0 unweighted GPA.
 - ★ Private schools can accept students with varying GPAs.
 - ★ Community colleges will accept all students
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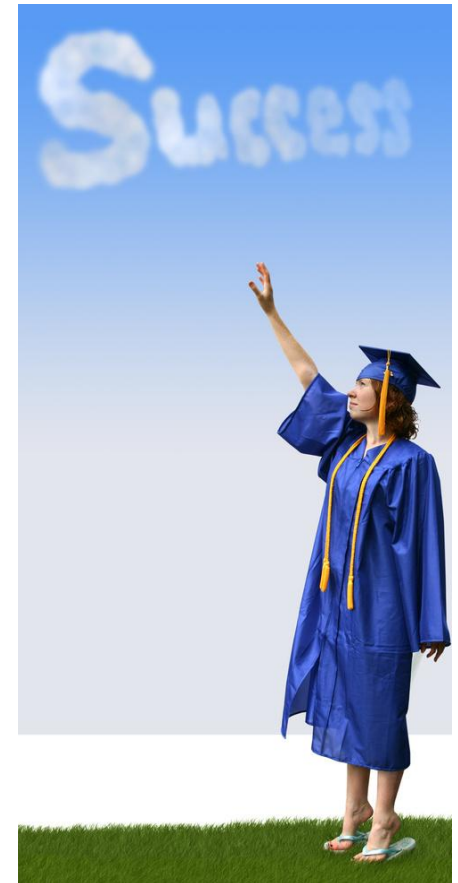
Community College

- ❑ Transfer Program: Students can take 2 years at community college and transfer to a 4-year university.
- ❑ Associates Degree: 2 year degree that prepares students for a job or career.



Higher level classes

- Selective colleges first look at degree of rigour in courses, then success in classes
- If successful:
 - * Improves weighted GPA
 - * Improves Class Rank
- Prepares student for College level work

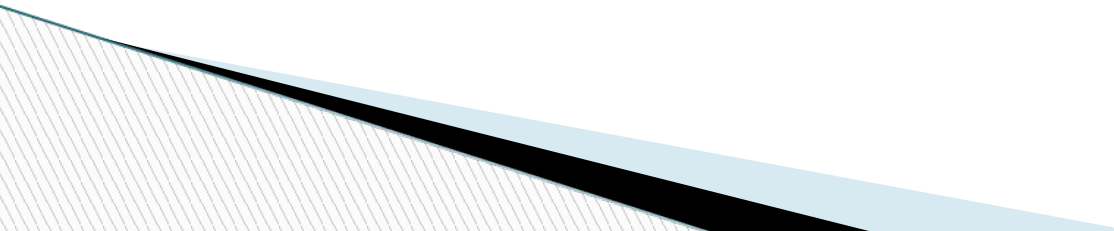


It's Important to...

Work hard now!

Take the highest level courses that you can be successful in to optimize your potential and your opportunities!

Keep doors open so you can have choices!



QUESTIONS

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