Grading Scale

In accordance with Germantown Municipal Schools Board of Education policy, grades will be reported on report cards and transcript records using numerical values as indicated in the scale below.

GMSD Schools Grading Scale	
Grade	Percentage Range
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 or below

In accordance with the State Board of Education Uniform Grading Policy, the HOPE Scholarship GPA will be reported on student transcripts. The HOPE Scholarship GPA will be calculated using numerical values as indicated in the scale below. The HOPE Scholarship GPA will not include additional GPA weighting.

HOPE Scholarship GPA Grading Scale 2022/2023 - Present	
Grade	Percentage Range
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 or below

Additional Points for Advanced Coursework

Additional points shall be awarded to the grades used to calculate the semester average for students enrolled in advanced courses as indicated below.

Grade	Percentage Range	Honors Courses	Local and State Dual Credit, Industry Certifications - Aligned	Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment Courses
A	90-100	Shall include the addition of 3 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 & Semester Exams)	Shall include the addition of 4 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 & Semester Exams) - NO quality points are added to university averages	Shall include the addition of 5 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 & Semester Exams) - NO quality points are added to university averages
B	80-89			
C	70-79			
D	60-69			
F	Below 60			
No percentage points are added to benchmarks, EOCs, or any associated qualifying examinations				

Students who fail to sit for the exam will not be awarded quality points or weighted points associated with the courses.				
***Grades and GPA are calculated according to the GMSD Grading Policy 4.600** **GMSD Weighted GPA Scale**				
Grade	Value	Standard Courses	Honors Courses	Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment/ Statewide Dual Credit/Local Dual Credit/National Industry Certification Courses
A	90-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
B	80-89	3.0	3.5	4.0
C	70-79	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	60-69	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	Below 60	0	0	0

High School Courses Taken in Middle School

Students who have taken the equivalent of a high school level course in middle school will earn a high school credit. Semester grades earned in high school courses will be recorded on the high school transcript, but these grades will not factor into the student's GPA or class rank at the high school level.

Class Designation

In accordance with Germantown Municipal Schools Board of Education policy, all grades earned in grades 9, 10, 11, and the first semester of grade 12 shall be counted toward the weighted grade point average and the Honors Designation in the class. The final semester of grade 12 shall not be used in determining class standing. Students who graduate early but are enrolled through the first semester of grade 12 will be included in the calculation of the grade point average and the designated placement in their respective class.

The Latin Honors Designation system will be used to delineate three categories for graduating students.

- Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor/praise): GPA of 4.25 and above
- Magna Cum Laude (with grade honor/praise): GPA of 4.0-4.24
- Cum Laude (with honors/praise): GPA of 3.75-3.99

Effective with the graduating class of 2021, GMSD will not rank students numerically; a laude system will be used to distinguish three ranges of academically high performing students based on cumulative weighted grade point average. Two honorary graduation speakers will be chosen from a pool of interested summa cum laude students after the completion of the seventh semester. Determinations will be made by committee through rubric scoring (*GMSD Policy 4.602)*.