



Weighted Grading of High School Courses

- I. Weighted Grades:
 - A. Provide an incentive for high school students to take the most rigorous course work available;
 - B. Assure that all PPS students have access to the opportunity to earn transcript recognition for their work; and
 - C. Will only be given to advanced coursework as designated in Section II.
- II. Advanced coursework recognition is only available for:
 - A. College Board approved Advanced Placement (AP) courses;
 - B. Approved International Baccalaureate (IB) programs; and
 - C. Courses approved by college and university partners (i.e., Dual Credit courses)

Schools may not self-designate “honors” or other courses for weighted grading unless the courses meet the above criteria.
- III. Schools offering Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, or International Baccalaureate courses will grade these courses according to the following formula:
 - A. Completion with an A will earn 5 points, with a B will earn 4, with a C will earn 3 points and with a D will earn 2 points.
- IV. Pre-AP and Pre-IB courses will not be weighted.
- V. Weighted grades are currently in place for IB and AP courses and will be implemented for Dual Credit courses beginning with the first semester 2026-27 school year grades.
- VI. Transcripts will show both weighted and unweighted grade point average (GPA).
- VII. Transcripts will not display class rank unless it is required for college or scholarship applications.
- VIII. Valedictorian status will be determined based on weighted GPA.

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