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GPA and Local Honors Changes

A guide for families and students • Beginning in 2026–27

Florida has a new rule for weighted GPAs.

A weighted GPA awards students extra points for success in specific rigorous courses. The Florida State Board of Education has recently adopted a new rule to establish a uniform statewide weighted grading system that all Florida school districts must implement.

Who is affected

- Students entering ninth grade in 2026–27 or later will use the new Florida weighted GPA scale. If these students earned high school credits in middle school, the credits will remain and the new scale will recalculate the GPA points when they enter ninth grade.
- Students who entered ninth grade in 2025–26 or earlier will remain under the GPA rules in place when they started high school.

How the new weighted scale works

- The new scale adds 0.5 point for state-approved Honors courses and 1.0 point for eligible accelerated courses when a student earns a passing grade.
- Students do not earn extra GPA points for an F. The chart below shows how the new scale works.

Grade	Standard course	State Honors or secondary industry certification	Accelerated course
A	4.0	4.5	5.0
B	3.0	3.5	4.0
C	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	0.0	0.0	0.0

Accelerated courses include Advanced Placement (AP), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), International Baccalaureate (IB), Dual Enrollment, and Florida Advanced Courses and Tests (FACT) courses.

What happens to Local Honors courses

- Extra GPA points will now only be given to courses listed as Honors, Industry Certification, or Accelerated within the Florida Course Code Directory. Courses designated as Local Honors, which are courses deemed as Honors level by the district, will no longer receive extra GPA points as per the new state rule.
- This change alone does not mean a student must change their schedule. Families should speak with the school counselor about the best course choices for the student.

What families should know and do

- Report cards may still show B+, C+, and D+. These plus grades show where a student's grade falls within the letter-grade range. Plus grades do not add extra GPA points under the new scale. For example, a B+ and a B in the same course get the same GPA points.
- If you have questions, please contact your school counselor. The counselor can help you know which GPA rules apply to your student, which courses get extra points, and how high school credits earned in middle school will be counted.
- All of these changes apply across all districts in Florida as per Rule 6A-1.09953, Statewide Uniform Weighted Grading System in Honors and Articulated Accelerated Courses. This ensures that Broward students will follow the same statewide GPA rules as all other Florida students. Colleges and universities may still use their own GPA rules when reviewing applications, so that a college GPA may differ from the BCPS transcript GPA.

More information will be available at browardschools.com/GPALocalHonorschanges

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