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5430 - GRADING SYSTEM AND CLASS RANK

The Board of Education acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages and class ranking for high school graduates, both to inform students of their relative academic placement among their peers and to provide students, prospective employers, and institutions of higher learning with a predictive device so that each student is more likely to be placed in an environment conducive to success.

The Board authorizes a system of class ranking by grade point average. Class rank shall be computed at the time credit is awarded.

A student's grade point average and rank in class shall be entered on his/her record and shall be subject to the Board's policy on release of student records.

Rank in class shall be entered on students' records and on all transcripts where they will be available for review by authorized persons.

High School Credit-Bearing Classes:

Grading is a process of identifying student achievement. A letter grade is used to communicate this performance to both the student and parent(s).

The objective descriptors for grades will be as follows:

- A - Superior
- B - Above Average
- C - Average
- D - Passing
- F - Failing

Grading Scale:

Scale is set to round up any .5 or higher percentage.

Percentage grade for each grading period is translated into a Letter Grade and Point Value.

The final grade is based on the average of the point value received for each grading period - not the average percentage grade received each grading period.

In the case of an exam, grading period point values are ninety percent (90%) (forty-five percent (45%) each quarter) and exams are ten percent (10%) of the final grade.

Mark	PointValue	Advanced Point Value	Percent Range	Point Range
A+	4*	5*	96.5 - 100	4
A	4	5	92.5 - 96.49	3.86 - 4

A-	3.7	4.7	89.5 - 92.49	3.51 - 3.85
B+	3.3	4.3	86.5 - 89.49	3.16 - 3.5
B	3	4	82.5 - 86.49	2.86 - 3.15
B-	2.7	3.7	79.5 - 82.49	2.51 - 2.85
C+	2.3	3.3	76.5 - 79.49	2.16 - 2.5
C	2	3	72.5 - 79.49	1.86 - 2.15
C-	1.7	2.7	69.5 - 72.49	1.51 - 1.85
D+	1.3	2.3	66.5 - 69.49	1.16 - 1.5
D	1	2	62.5 - 66.49	0.86 - 1.15
D-	.7	1.7	59.5 - 62.49	0.51 - 0.86
F	0	0	0 - 59.49	0 - 0.5

The grading scale and the calculation of grade point average (GPA) is used for the purpose of reporting progress and achievement to students, parents, potential employers, and colleges/universities.

The following guidelines and procedures for grading high school credit bearing classes apply:

- A. Letter grades will be given in all high school subjects. Plus (+) and minus (-) additions to a grade will be assigned by teachers for regular mark periods.
- B. Grades are to be issued at the end of each grading period. Grade Point Average and credits will be calculated and awarded at the end of each semester.
- C. A student's Weighted Cumulative Grade Point Average is calculated using a system that includes add-ons (see section: Add-on Procedure for computing Weighted Cumulative GPA).
- D. In determining cumulative grade point averages, all subjects are to be considered.
- E. Starting with the Class of 2022, Class rank shall be determined based on the Weighted Cumulative GPA. For the purposes of graduation recognition, the computation of class rank shall include the grades for the final marking period and examinations. Class rank for the classes of 2018-2021 will be determined on the unweighted 4.0 scale.

The Add - On Procedure for Computing Weighted Cumulative GPA:

Wooster High School's grading system will use a weighted grading scale in which International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), and College Credit Plus (CCP) classes will be awarded one (1) additional point. All College Credit Plus courses must meet requirements set forth by Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Board of Regents to be awarded the additional point value.

The weighted GPA is computed by:

- A. STEP 1: Calculating the total quality points for all earned credits using the following letter grade values: A = 4; B = 3; C = 2; D = 1; and F = 0; and then dividing the total quality points by earned credits. This number will reflect a non-weighted GPA; and
- B. STEP 2: Adding the appropriate value(s) for all weighted classes to the GPA calculated in Step 1. This addition will result in the new weighted GPA.

Weighted Grade System Point Value:

Mark	Regular Point Value	Weighted Point Value
A+	4.00	5.00
A	4.00	5.00
A-	3.70	4.70
B+	3.30	4.30
B	3.00	4.00
B-	2.70	3.70
C+	2.30	3.30
C	2.00	3.00
C-	1.70	2.70
D+	1.30	2.30
D	1.00	2.00
D-	0.70	1.70
F	0.00	0.00

The weighted grade point average will be reported on the student's transcript. Only classes that are reported on the student's high school transcript will count toward their cumulative GPA.

- A. CCP classes/college coursework through approved credit flex will be awarded extra weight based upon the university's transcribed grade that is reflected on the student's high school transcript.
- B. Classes that are Pass/Fail or Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory will not carry extra weight regardless of level of class.

Graduation Honors/Awards:

Weighted and unweighted grading system will be reflected on transcripts beginning with the fall semester of the 2018-2019 school year. However, all honors will be based upon the 4.0 scale until full implementation takes effect in 2021-2022 school year. If a student and a parent in the classes 2019-2021 want a transcript solely run on a 4.0 scale, they can request this with their school counselor.

Among graduating seniors in the Class of 2019 and beyond, Latin Honors are awarded to the top thirty percent (30%) of the class as follows:

Summa Cum Laude:	Top 10%
Magna Cum Laude:	Next 10%
Cum Laude:	Next 10%

Latin Honors distributed between 2019-2021 will be based on a 4.0 scale; Latin Honors awarded to the class of 2022 and beyond will be based on a 5.0 scale.

Class Rank:

Class Rank will be reported on student transcripts as follows; calculation will occur after the final semester of their senior year and will be used to determine Latin Honors:

- A. for the Classes of 2019-2021, class rank will be reported using the exact class rank based on a 4.0 scale.
- B. starting with the Class of 2022, class rank will be reported using a decile rank system based on a 5.0 scale.

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the classes of 2019-2021 will be based solely on a 4.0 scale using exact class rank (students with the highest and second highest GPA).

Starting with the class of 2022, the Valedictorian and Salutatorian eligibility will be determined with a two-tiered system by identifying the graduate with the highest composite ACT score in the Summa Cum Laude classification. If there is a tie with the highest ACT score, the student with the highest weighted cumulative GPA will be awarded Valedictorian and the student with the second highest weighted cumulative GPA will be awarded Salutatorian. The last ACT score to be considered for Valedictorian and Salutatorian is the December immediately preceding graduation. Students must be enrolled at WHS for a minimum of Two (2) semesters to be eligible for Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors.

Open Enrollment and Move-ins:

Students who open enroll or move into the district prior to their freshman year will be eligible for the same weighted grades and class ranking as all other students at Wooster High School. If a student open enrolls or moves into the district after their freshman year, their transcript from their previous school will not be altered. They will be eligible for weighted grades moving forward, however we will not retroactively change their past transcribed grades.