

# GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) AT SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL



*In order to ensure that Smyrna High School students remain competitive with students from other schools, we have updated our grade point average weighting policy to align with schools throughout the state and nation.*

A student's Grade Point Average (GPA) in high school is important for several reasons:

**College Admissions:** Colleges use GPA as a factor in their admissions process. It provides colleges with information about a student's academic performance throughout their high school career.

**Scholarships:** Many organizations consider GPA as one of the requirements for eligibility for their scholarships, as well as use the GPA to compare applicants from the same school or across different schools. In addition, some colleges utilize GPA as a criterion to award scholarships to students.

**Honors and Awards:** Many academic and athletic awards and honors given to high school students are based on their GPA.

## 2023-2024 School Year and Prior: Weighted

- GPA is weighted using a multiplier. College Preparatory courses are assigned a weight of 1.03 quality points; Honors courses are assigned a weight of 1.05; Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses are assigned a weight of 1.07.

**Example 1:** A student takes English 1 Honors and earns an A. An A = 4.0 quality points on the GPA scale. Since this course is a weighted honors course, the multiplier of 1.05 is applied.  $4.0 \times 1.05 = 4.2$ . The student will receive 4.2 quality points for this course.

**Example 2:** A student takes Advanced Placement Calculus and earns an A. An A = 4.0 quality points on the GPA scale. Since this course is a weighted Advanced Placement course, the multiplier of 1.07 is applied.  $4.0 \times 1.07 = 4.28$ . The student will receive 4.28 quality points for this course.

## 2024-2025 School Year and Beyond: Weighted

- Honors courses are assigned +0.5 quality points. Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses are assigned +1.0 quality points. All other courses will be unweighted. This weighting applies to grades of C- or better. Grades of D+, D, and F are not weighted - they will not receive additional quality points.

**Example 1:** A student takes English 1 Honors and earns an A. An A = 4.0 quality points on the GPA scale. Since this course is a weighted honors course, the student will receive an additional .5 quality points, for a total of 4.5 quality points for this course.

**Example 2:** A student takes Advanced Placement Calculus and earns an A. An A = 4.0 quality points on the GPA scale. Since this course is a weighted Advanced Placement course, the student will receive an additional 1.0 quality points, for a total of 5.0 quality points for this course.