

Class Rank & Grade Point Average



Senior Class Rank is determined by calculating grades from 9th grade thru the end of first semester of your senior year. Class rank is based on an average of **ALL classes (cumulative)**. If you have taken **Advanced Placement** or **Dual Enrollment** courses, you should be aware that your grade had 10 points added to it (**weighted**). Many colleges and scholarship programs prefer to look at “**unweighted**” GPAs. For an “**unweighted**” GPA, you should calculate those AP and Dual Enrollment grades with the 10 points removed. Many students get confused about what it means to have a true 4.0 GPA. Simply stated, a student with a 4.0 GPA has earned an ‘A’ in all high school coursework.

Quality Points Scale

Course Grade	A = 90-100	B = 80-89	C = 70-79	F = below 70
Quality Points	4	3	2	0

Example

Course	Weighted	Weighted Quality Point	Unweighted Grade	Unweighted Quality Point
AP British Lit	95	4	85	3
AP Calculus	80	3	70	2
Spanish II	85	3	85	3
Physics	78	2	78	2
Economics	88	3	88	3
P.E	100	4	100	4
		Weighted GPA = 3.16		Unweighted GPA = 2.8

HOPE GPA

HOPE eligibility is determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission. To qualify for the **HOPE Scholarship**, students must be a U.S. citizen or meet the eligible non-citizen requirements, and HOPE’s Georgia residency requirements. Students must earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale for all **English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language** coursework in the HS curriculum. Courses with **rigor** are required. The **Zell Miller Scholarship** has been added. Zell Miller Scholars must earn a 3.7 and a specified score on the SAT or ACT. Valedictorians and Salutatorians who meet the HOPE Scholarship eligibility requirements are considered Zell Scholars. The most current HOPE information is available online.

Cumulative GPA

The cumulative GPA is an average based on **ALL classes**. **Class Rank** is calculated from the cumulative weighted GPA. Your high school transcript reflects a cumulative “numeric” GPA; ex. 93.5. Please refer to the charts above to convert numerical grades. Many scholarships and colleges will convert this to the quality point system; ex. 4.0. Remember that the numerical grade (ex. 90) in **EACH** course must be converted to a quality point (ex. 4) to get an “**exact**” GPA.

Required High School Curriculum GPA

Used by College for Admissions

Unlike the HOPE GPA and the Cumulative GPA, Colleges and universities calculate the **17 units** from the Required High School Curriculum: **Math – 4 units, English – 4 units, Science – 4 units, Social Studies – 3 units, Foreign Language – 2 units** for admissions decisions. This rule begins with the class of 2012 and beyond. The numerical grade in each “required” class is converted to a “quality point”. See examples above. The quality points are then averaged and used in the **Freshmen Index – FI** (see below) as a part of the decision making process.

1. **FI = 500 x (HSGPA) + SAT Verbal/Critical Reading + SAT I Math (or)**
2. **FI = 500 x (HSGPA) + (ACT Composite x 42) + 88**

EX: A student has a 3.7 GPA after conversion; and SAT V - 510 and M – 520.

$$\text{FI} = 500 \times 3.7 + 510 + 520 = 2880$$

NCAA GPA

Eligibility for Athletes

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates the GPA on a 4.0 scale based on the core course requirements listed below for each Division. If a course is repeated, the **best** grade will be used. Grades from additional core courses will be used only if it improves your GPA.

DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III
4 years English	3 years English	*Does not use the Eligibility Center
3 years Math (Algebra I or higher)	2 years Math (Algebra I or higher)	
2 years natural science (1 yr. lab)	2 years natural science (1 yr. lab)	
1 extra year English , math or natural or physical science	3 extra year English , math or natural or physical science	
2 years Social Science	2 years Social Science	
4 years extra core classes (from any category above, or foreign language comparative religion or philosophy)	4 years extra core classes (from any category above, or foreign language comparative religion or philosophy)	

For more information on GPA and SAT & ACT requirements visit the NCAA website www.eligibilitycenter.org

As always, see your counselor if you have any questions!!