

Calculating the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship Grade Point Average

1. All Georgia high schools must send student transcripts with complete course history to the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) for calculation of the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship GPA.
2. Graduates must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale for HOPE Scholarship eligibility; 3.7 GPA for Zell Miller Scholarship eligibility.
3. The following is used to convert numerical grades to a 4.0 scale:
 - A = 4.0 (90-100 for most schools, however, your specific school's scale is used to convert the grades)
 - B = 3.0 (80-89 for most schools, however, your specific school's scale is used to convert the grades)
 - C = 2.0 (70-79 for most schools, however, your specific school's scale is used to convert the grades)
 - D = 1.0 (60-69 for most schools, however, your specific school's scale is used to convert the grades)
 - F = 0 (for most schools this is a failing grade of 59 or below)
4. The grades for ALL attempted (passed and failed) academic courses are converted to a 4.0 scale for the calculation of the HOPE/Zell Miller GPA. The following academic courses are included in the HOPE/Zell Miller GPA calculation:
 - English courses with numbers beginning with 23
 - Mathematics courses with numbers beginning with 27
 - Science courses beginning with 26 or 40 plus all other courses included in the fourth science course requirement which was effective with FY2011-2012 graduates.
 - Social studies courses beginning with 45
 - Foreign language courses beginning with 60 – 64
 - Other specific courses and course numbers
5. Courses taken in middle school are not used for calculating the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship GPA.
6. Weight added to any grade by the high school for honors, gifted, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or dual enrollment courses is removed by GSFC.
7. The weighting of grades is uniform when calculating the HOPE/Zell Miller GPA. GSFC adds a weight of 0.5 quality points to the student's grade (up to a maximum of 4.0 quality points) for AP and IB courses completed June 15, 2006 or later and dual enrollment coursework taken at an eligible postsecondary institution on or after July 1, 2013. No other courses will be weighted by the GSFC unless authorized by the Georgia General Assembly.
8. The final HOPE/Zell Miller GPA is *not* rounded up.

**Example of Numerical Grades Converted to 4.0 Scale
(assume equal credit value for all courses)**

Course	Grade	4.0 Conversion
English	88	3.0
English	89	3.0
English	82	3.0
English	87	3.0
Math	85	3.0
Math	82	3.0
Math	80	3.0
Math	78	2.0
Science	89	3.0
Science	81	3.0
Science	80	3.0
Social Studies	85	3.0
Social Studies	89	3.0
Social Studies	88	3.0
Spanish	82	3.0
Spanish	88	3.0

$47 \div 16 = 2.9375$ – Final HOPE GPA
Minimum 3.0 GPA required (no rounding)