

## **5431 - HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE**

The grade point average (GPA) of Westfield High School pupils will be calculated using a dual system of reporting beginning with ninth grade. It will be calculated both as an unweighted GPA where every subject is granted equal weight and, on a weighted basis where academic subjects are included and additional weight is given to honors and advanced placement subjects. Both GPAs will appear on a student's transcript.

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## **R - 5431 CALCULATION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE**

### **Reporting Student Achievement to Colleges**

The Board of Education acknowledges the importance of reporting relative academic standing of pupils to provide colleges with a fair and accurate representation of our pupil applicants.

Grade Point Average (GPA) distribution charts will display intervals of grade point averages, the number and percent of students in each interval, the mean Evidenced Based Reading and Writing and Math SAT scores for each interval, and the mean ACT composite score for each interval. The charts will be computed for both weighted and all-subject grade point averages. Distribution charts are located on the School Profile, sent to colleges, and are also on the WHS website.

### **Dual GPA System**

A GPA is calculated two (2) ways for each student at Westfield High School.

**For the Classes prior to and including the Class of 2019, the GPA will be calculated in the following ways:**

1. An All Subject GPA in which every subject is granted equal weight
2. An Academic GPA in which **only** academic subjects are calculated. Honors and Advanced Placement subjects are granted additional weight in the academic GPA.

### **All Subject GPA**

Grade Weights for all subjects:

A = 4.0 points

B+ = 3.5 points

B = 3.0 points

C+ = 2.5 points

C = 2.0 points

D = 1.0 points

F = no points

### **Academic GPA**

Only subjects in the following areas will be calculated in the academic GPA:  
(These areas receive academic units by college admission officers)

1. English
2. Social Studies
3. World Language
4. Mathematics
5. Science
6. Visual and Performing Arts (Art IV and Writing/Arranging Music 2)
7. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life Skills (Computer Science I Visual BASIC, Computer Science II AP, Computer Science III Honors, Journalism 1, Journalism 2, Print Journalism)

### **Honors and Advanced Placement**

Subjects designated Honors or Advanced Placement will receive additional weight in the Academic GPA according to the following scale:

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| A  | = 4.5 points |
| B+ | = 4.0 points |
| B  | = 3.5 points |
| C+ | = 3.0 points |
| C  | = 2.5 points |
| D  | = 1.5 points |
| F  | = no points  |

Independent study is included in a student's GPA.

### **Beginning with the Class of 2020, the GPAs will be calculated in the following ways:**

1. An All Subject GPA in which every subject is granted equal weight with every other subject
2. An All Subject Weighted GPA in which **all** subjects are calculated. Honors and Advanced Placement subjects are granted additional weight in the academic GPA.

**All Subject GPA**

Grade Weights for all subjects:

A	= 4.0 points
B+	= 3.5 points
B	= 3.0 points
C+	= 2.5 points
C	= 2.0 points
D	= 1.0 points
F	= no points

**All Subject Weighted GPA**

Subjects designated Honors or Advanced Placement will receive additional weight in the All Subject Weighted GPA according to the following scale:

A	= 4.5 points
B+	= 4.0 points
B	= 3.5 points
C+	= 3.0 points
C	= 2.5 points
D	= 1.5 points
F	= no points

**Grade Point Average (GPA)**

Calculation of the GPA is determined by multiplying the grade weight by the credit value of the course. Total credits divided into total quality points equal GPA. See the Student Handbook for examples of GPA calculations.

**Frequency of Cumulative GPA Calculation**

1. Cumulative GPAs are calculated at the end of every grade level. In addition, cumulative GPAs are calculated at the midyear point of sophomore, junior, and senior years.
2. Only courses completed at Westfield High School will be computed in GPAs.
3. GPAs are cumulative from the beginning of grade 9 through the completion of grade 12.  
*Note:* Transcripts for college applications reflect cumulative GPAs for grades 9 – 11.

Both GPAs are reported on the transcript.

**New Students to WHS**

Students new to WHS may receive credit toward graduation for courses taken in properly accredited high schools outside the school district. However, only courses taken at WHS will be used to calculate the student's GPA. The GPA of a new student is based on the following criteria:

1. GPA is calculated beginning with the semester of the student's entrance into WHS.
2. GPA is cumulative from the semester of the student's entrance into WHS through the completion of grade 12.