

ACCEPTED PRACTICE:

ACADEMIC GRADING POLICY

The WCSD uniform grading policy is as follows: A= 90-100, B= 80-89, C= 70-79, D= 60-69, F= 0-59. All students in a class shall be subject to the same grading policy (with appropriate provisions for IEP accommodations). Effective July 2007, Honors classes will be weighted by .025 and AP/IB classes will receive a .050 weight.

The basic high school grading system will use letter grade designations A, A-, B, B-, C, C-, D, D-, and F. For the purpose of computing GPA, letter grades will be transposed to the following scale: A, A- = 4.0; B, B- = 3.0; C, C- = 2.0; D, D- = 1.0; and F = 0. The grade issued at the end of each semester reflects the student's work for the entire semester and is not an average of two nine-week grades.

The responsibility for determining the grade rests with the classroom teacher (Administrative Regulation 5124). Appeals for fall semester grade changes may be made for three weeks after report cards are issued in January. Appeals for spring semester grade changes may be made through the third week of the fall semester following the June in which report cards were issued. After the designated appeal period, no grade changes will be made.

Students in honors classes are expected to receive only the highest grades and must conference with the teacher if the grade falls below a B. Special Education student grades are reported using the same system as that for regular education students. Students with disabilities should be graded in accordance with their academic/social participation relative to their potential. (Administrative Regulation 5124)

Each school may have its own policy regarding certain recognition programs (e.g. class rank or valedictorian and salutatorian); however, the "value added" formula will be used to determine eligibility for Millennium Scholarship, Advanced Diploma and (beginning with the Class of 2005) the Honors Diploma.

“Effective in the 2007-2008 school year, the weighted and unweighted GPA will be noted on the WCSD transcript. Class rank will be determined by the current unweighted or weighted system of the school as indicated in the school’s course catalog and noted on the transcript accordingly.

Beginning in the school year 2010 - 2011, the class rank will be determined by the weighted GPA and noted on the transcript at **all schools**.”

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