

FAQ:

What is the difference between weighted and unweighted GPA?

Each letter grade that a student earns in a class is based on a point system that assists in calculating their Grade Point Average. In standard classes an “A” is worth 4 points, a “B” is worth 3 points, etc. Advanced placement and honors classes have a different point system due to their increased level of rigor. So in an Honors course, an “A” would be worth 5 points and in an AP class, an “A” is worth 6 points.

When looking at an unweighted GPA, a student's advanced placement and/or honors classes are not taken into account, and the standard point system is used. A weighted GPA takes into account a student's AP and Honors classes. Those students have potential of earning a GPA higher than a standard 4.0.

What does AP stand for?

AP stands for Advanced Placement. While these classes follow the same national curriculum as regular classes, they have an increased level of rigor and critical thinking. Often students need to get a recommendation for these classes.

When should I take the SAT/ACT?

The SAT and ACT are college placement tests that are required for acceptance into a university. Typically students start preparing and taking the Pre-SAT/ACT in their sophomore year and taking the real test in their junior year. If a student was not satisfied with their scores, they have the option of retaking these tests their senior year before college application deadlines.

For information on which one to take, check with your college of choice to see what they require or do some research on which test would highlight your academic abilities.

How do I get a copy of my unofficial and official transcripts?

A transcript is a document that compiles the student's course history, grades, and credits that assist with making sure the student is on track to graduate. Most post-secondary institutions will ask for a copy of your official transcripts to verify that a student has met the graduation requirements.

You can obtain a copy of your transcripts by filling out a green form and submitting it to the registrar's office. These forms can be obtained in the front office or from your counselor.

How do I get in to see my counselor?

There are a few different ways to make an appointment with your counselor. There is email or phone calls to set up an appointment, or the student can sign up on the counselor's door. Outside each counselors door they have a signup sheet. The student just needs to fill out their name, ID#, and reason for the meeting and the counselor will call them down as soon as they have a free moment.