

Salinas Union High School District

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Determining Grade Point Average Rank in Class Honor Roll

1. Grade point average (GPA) and rank in class for a student's high school academic record are determined on the basis of grades and credits earned in Salinas Union High School District classes including summer school, adult school, and grades transferred from other high schools. Grades earned in courses marked in nontraditional fashion; for instance, pass/fail or credit/no credit, or in special day classes for students who are identified under state/federal guidelines as being intellectually disabled will not be included. P.E. courses will also be excluded from this calculation.
2. Grades for all courses with the exception noted above, for which unit credit or fractional unit credit is given whether passed or failed, should be recorded and used in computing grade point average and rank in class. In the event a course is repeated, only the higher grade will be used in the computations.
3. Exact class rank including all students in the class, Valedictorian and Salutatorian shall be determined at the end of the first semester of the senior year. An approximate rank should be recorded and used in computing grade point average and rank in class.
4. The senior high school transcript should list all courses taken and the grades and credits received. Community college courses successfully completed under the District's concurrent enrollment plan may be utilized to fulfill specific courses and credit requirements for high school graduation. In such cases the high school transcript should contain a list of the college courses completed. Grades received for college courses shall be recorded on the transcript and are not to be included in computing grade point average and rank in class, except in the "Graduation Requirement" grade point average calculation.
5. The following four-point system based on quality of achievement should be used in computing grade point average for each student's transcript:

Evaluation Chart of Grades and Credits for Determining Grade Point Average

	A	B	C	D
5 credits = 1.0 GPA unit	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0
4 credits = .8 GPA unit	3.2	2.4	1.6	.8
3 credits = .6 GPA unit	2.4	1.8	1.2	.6
2 credits = .4 GPA unit	1.6	1.2	.8	.4
1 credit = .2 GPA unit	.8	.6	.4	.2

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EXAMPLE

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	Credit Attempted	G.P.A. Units	Grade	Grade Points
Work Experience	5	--	P	--
Physical Education**	5	--		--
English	5	1	B	3.0
Life Science	5	1	C	2.0
U.S. History	5	1	F	0.0
Pre-Algebra	5	1	A	5
Sculpture	5	1	D	1.0

***Grade Point Average = $\frac{11}{5} = 2.200$

*Courses graded on a Pass/Fail basis are not included in the computation of Grade Point Average except for the “Graduation Requirement” GPA calculation.

Physical Education is excluded from the calculation of GPA, except for the “Graduation Requirement GPA calculation.

***Figures to three decimal places.

- Rank in class, Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be determined on the basis of the four point system to best reflect the academic achievement of students in each graduating class.
- Grades of A, B, and C received in Plus+, honors, or advanced placement classes will be elevated by one grade point for internal purposes only, such as, determination of honor roll, and eligibility*. The GPA reported to colleges and universities on transcripts will not reflect the elevated grade points. However, transcripts will clearly indicate the advanced nature of such classes.

*In determining GPA for internal purposes, Honors Points (Plus+/Honors/AP) will be considered by use of the constant divisor of 42:

$$\text{GPA} = (\# \text{ of Honors Points earned} \div 42) = \text{internal GPA}$$

i.e. $3.967 \text{ GPA} + (8 \text{ honors points} \div 42) = 4.157$

- The principal’s honor roll will be 3.5 GPA and the honor roll will be 3.0-3.49 GPA. A student must take a minimum of 25 units (no “P” or “U” grades), or five subjects at the middle school (no “P” or “U” grades) to be eligible for the principal’s honor roll.

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9. For purposes of determining Valedictorian/Salutatorian awards, the GPA will be rounded off to the nearest hundredth. Ties will be treated as co-award recipients.
10. The District will also calculate grade point averages for the Cal-Grant program in accordance with the provision of that program. A “Graduation Requirement” grade point average will be used to calculate a student’s GPA for the purposes of the District’s graduation requirement. This grade point average will be calculated only on the basis of course for which credit has been earned. The grade point average will include elevated grade points, grades earned in all programs including concurrent enrollment at the community college, and courses marked “Pass/Fail”.
11. Exceptions to the procedures described above may be authorized by action of the Board of Trustees.

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