

## How to Calculate Your Grade Point Average (GPA)

While Hunter College High School does not rank students and does not provide a cumulative grade point average (GPA) to colleges, there may be times you are called upon to calculate your GPA. This worksheet is designed to help guide you through the process of calculating your GPA.

Your high school grade point average is calculated on all high school level courses completed after grade 7 through 12th grade (see exceptions under the explanations section).

To calculate your GPA (grade point average) follow these steps:

- Determine the point value for each grade earned using the appropriate scale (see Grade Definition Index – See page 2).
- Multiply the point value of the course by the credit attempted for the course. The product of this multiplication will be the grade points.
- Divide the cumulative grade points by the cumulative attempted hours.

### Definition of Terms:

- Credit Hours - the hours assigned to a course.
- Point Value - the numerical value assigned to a grade; A+ = 4 points = 100, A = 4 points = 96, B = 3 points = 86, C = 2 points = 76, D = 1 point = 69, and F = 0 points = 60.
- Grade Points - number of credit hours for a course times the point value.
- Attempted Hours - credit hours for which you earned a grade (excluding AUD, CR, P, COM, W or MED).
- Earned Hours - credit hours for courses which you passed (with a grade of D or higher).

### Explanations

- Any course taken in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade does not count in the computing of a cumulative average.
- Any course taken in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade that is not credit bearing (science and Phys. Ed.) should not counted when computing the cumulative average.
- For all courses where final grades (or final semester grades as appropriate) were received (except AUD, CR,P, COM, W or MED), you multiply the credit hours for each course by the number of points appropriate for the grade you received in that course.
- For courses taken during the 2002-2003 academic year (a time when no final grades were earned), a final grade must first be computed (by averaging the first and second semester grades for year long courses, in semester courses, the grade listed becomes the de facto final grade) and then the same steps followed as outlined for other years.

## Grade Definition Index

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percent Equivalent</u>	<u>Use this number to calculate on a 100 point scale</u> <i>(the highest number in the grade range is used).</i>	<u>Use this number to calculate on a 4.0 scale.</u>
---------------------	---------------------------	---	---

A+	97-100%	100	4.0	*HCHS does not weight courses and uses a 4.0 scale. A number higher than 4.0 cannot be earned.	
A	93-96%	96	4.0		
A-	90-92%	92	3.7		
B+	87-89%	89	3.3		
B	83-86%	86	3.0		
B-	80-82%	82	2.7		
C+	77-79%	79	2.3		
C	73-76%	76	2.0		
C-	70-72%	72	1.7		If you receive a grade of F, see the F grades policy
D	65-69%	69	1.0		
F	Failure	60	0.0		

## Failing (F) Grades Policy

When a student receives an earned academic grade of "F" and the student subsequently retakes the course receiving a higher grade, the initial grade of "F" will be computed into the grade-point average along with the new grade. Both grades will be recorded on the student's transcript.

## GPA Computation Example:

Course	Grade Value	(Times)	Credit Hours Attempted	(Equals)	Grade Points
ART-II	A = 4 = 96	X	1	=	4 or 96
ENGLISH II	B = 3 = 86	X	1	=	3 or 86
LATIN II	C = 2 = 76	X	1	=	2 or 76
MATH-II	D = 1 = 69	X	1	=	1 or 69
BIOLOGY II	F = 0 = 60	X	1	=	0 or 60
		Totals:	5		10 or 387

Divide 10 or 387(Grade Points Column) by 5 (Credit Hours Attempted Column) and the G.P.A. = 2.00 or a 77.4