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GCPS updates high school report cards/transcripts to provide weighted and unweighted grades

When high school report cards are issued in late May, Gwinnett students and their families will notice a change as grades for each course will be presented in both an *unweighted* and *weighted* format. Along with this addition to reporting, the report cards/transcripts will include grade point averages (GPAs) provided in both an unweighted (4-point scale) format as it has been in the past, as well as in a new weighted (5-point scale) format.

In Gwinnett, students who take Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and higher-level math and science courses, have 10 points added to their grades, weighting their grades to account for the more rigorous content and course. In the past, this weighted grade (including the 10 points) was used to calculate a student's class rank but not GPA. For example, a student may have earned a 94 in AP Human Geography that resulted in a 104 on the report card once the 10 points were added. In the past that grade accounted for just 4 quality points toward the student's GPA. In the calculation of the *weighted* GPA, that grade will now be factored in as 5 quality points.

GCPS will continue using the weighted grades to determine rank in class and valedictorian and salutatorian honors. There is no change in which grades are used for these calculations.

Dr. Steve Flynt, associate superintendent for School Improvement and Operations, says this is more of an addition to the transcript than a change. "Our goal in making this adjustment to our report cards and transcripts is to provide as much information as possible to students, families, and, ultimately, colleges. We know that colleges calculate GPAs differently. Our updated transcript will provide additional information for colleges as they evaluate academic records of Gwinnett students."

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Numeric Average	Letter Grade	Quality Points Earned on a 4-Point Scale	Quality Points Earned on a 5-Point Scale
*100% and above	A	4	5
90%-99%	A	4	4
80-89%	B	3	3
74-79%	C	2	2
70-73%	D	1	1
Below 70%	F	0	0

* On the 4-Point Scale the top grade a student can earn is 100.