

Memorandum

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Re: GPA Weighting

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In reviewing board policy with the TASB representative in November, we discovered a need to update the grade point calculation and class rank policy. The current policy is based on a 3.7 grade point scale which, after reviewing OCR cases on grade point and consulting with our attorney, we determined could be cause for allegations of discrimination.

In addition, as we encourage more students to participate in our excellent Advanced Placement program, we need to weight those courses according to the level of rigor. We reviewed the policies of surrounding districts and gathered input from curriculum department staff and high school administration in order to make the following recommended changes in the grade point calculation policy.

- Grade weighting will be assigned based on a course level system.
- Weighting will start at a 4.0 for basic courses and a 5.0 for academic courses.
- Grade weight discriminations will be an additional 1.0 weight for advanced courses and .5 weight for pre-ap courses.
- Dual credit courses will not be included in grade point calculations.

The list of exclusions from grade point average calculations was also reviewed. Courses that are excluded include those that have are not taken at CHS for various reasons because we do not control the rigor, and those courses at CHS which are mostly performance-based (see attached policy).