

Grading Scale and GPA Calculation (Updated January 24, 2025)

This document outlines the updated grading scale and GPA calculation for students taking Regular Courses and Advanced Placement (AP)/Dual Enrollment Courses, providing clarity on how grades translate to GPA points. The table reflects recent changes to ensure accuracy and consistency across all schools.

Grading Scale Table

Letter Grade	Grade Points for Regular Courses (1.0 Multiplier)	Grade Points for AP/Dual Enrollment (1.25 Multiplier)
A	4.0	5.0
A-	3.7	4.625
B+	3.3	4.125
B	3.0	3.75
B-	2.7	3.375
C+	2.3	2.875
C	2.0	2.5
C-	1.7	2.125
D+	1.3	1.625
D	1.0	1.25
D-	0.7	0.875
E/F (Failing)	0.0	0.0

Explanation of How the Scale Works

- **Regular Courses:** Grade points are calculated on the standard 4.0 scale.
- **AP/Dual Enrollment Courses:** Grade points are calculated using a multiplier of 1.25 to reflect the added rigor of these courses.
- **Why Three Decimal Places?** The grade points for each letter grade are designed to match the current values for regular grade points already established in Skyward. For example, a C- is worth 1.7 grade points for regular courses, which scales to 2.125 grade points for AP/Dual Enrollment courses ($1.7 \times 1.25 = 2.125$). This level of precision ensures consistency and avoids rounding errors in GPA calculations.

Examples of GPA Calculations

Example 1: A student earns the following grades:

- **English (Regular Course, 1.0 Credit):** A (4.0)
- **History (AP Course, 1.0 Credit):** B+ (4.125)
- **Math (Regular Course, 0.5 Credit):** B (3.0)

Honor Points Calculation:

- English: $4.0 \times 1.0 = 4.0$
- History: $4.125 \times 1.0 = 4.125$
- Math: $3.0 \times 0.5 = 1.5$

Total Honor Points: $4.0 + 4.125 + 1.5 = 9.625$

Total Credits: $1.0 + 1.0 + 0.5 = 2.5$

GPA: $9.625 \div 2.5 = 3.85$

Example 2: A student takes more AP courses:

- **Science (AP Course, 1.0 Credit):** A (5.0)
- **Spanish (AP Course, 1.0 Credit):** B (3.75)
- **PE (Regular Course, 0.5 Credit):** C+ (2.3)

Honor Points Calculation:

- Science: $5.0 \times 1.0 = 5.0$
- Spanish: $3.75 \times 1.0 = 3.75$
- PE: $2.3 \times 0.5 = 1.15$

Total Honor Points: $5.0 + 3.75 + 1.15 = 9.9$

Total Credits: $1.0 + 1.0 + 0.5 = 2.5$

GPA: $9.9 \div 2.5 = 3.96$

This updated scale ensures clarity and equitable recognition of the rigor of AP and Dual Enrollment courses. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.