

# Memorandum

**To:** Dr. Jeff Turner, Supt.  
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**Re:** GPA Weighting

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## **GPA Weighting**

In accordance with the CISD Strategic Plan, the dual credit offerings to CHS students will be expanded considerably beginning summer 2006. We are recommending that we modify our GPA weighting scale, therefore, to include dual credit courses for a number of reasons.

1. Dual credit courses are college courses with a more rigorous curriculum, generally, than typical high school courses.
2. The Texas Education Agency acknowledges dual credit courses as advanced courses for high school students by awarding Gold Performance Acknowledgments to districts where a significant number of students complete advanced courses, including dual credit.
3. The Texas Association of School Boards is currently considering adopting policy that would allow the commissioner of education to develop a standard GPA ranking scale that would weight dual credit courses equal to advanced placement courses.
4. Students who are currently taking mostly weighted courses will be more likely to be able to take advantage of dual credit courses if they are weighted.

In addition, we are recommending that all grade weighting for the freshman class of 2005-06 will be assigned based on a course level system as follows:

- Weighting will start at a 4.0 for Level I or fundamental courses and a 5.0 for Level II or academic courses.
- Grade weight discriminations will be an additional .5 weight for Level III courses, which would include Pre-AP and Dual Credit courses and an additional 1.0 weight for Level IV courses which would include Advanced Placement courses.
- It should be noted that the above is not a change in the grade weights for this class, but only in the names of the categories.

Effective summer of 2006, we also recommend that dual credit courses be excluded from GPA weighting for seniors of 2006-07, and weighted at the Pre-AP range for juniors of 2006-07.

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