



January/February 2026 Curriculum Report

To: LPSD School Board Members & Superintendent Kasie Luke
From: Nicole Metzgar, Curriculum Director

New G.P.A. Calculations for High School Students

NEW: GPA and Transcript Policies [LINK](#)

Dual Credit Policy [LINK](#)

Dual Credit Student Application [LINK](#)

Over the course of 8 months of research, collaboration, conversation, and analysis, LPSD's admin team is confident to make a change in the way we calculate GPA's.

WHY CHANGE:

The Admin team believes this change better aligns with LPSD's goal and vision of supporting students to be vulnerable and take risks as they try new things. Signing up for a college course can be scary and intimidating. We want to incentivize and celebrate a student's courage to take on the challenge, to stretch themselves, and to finish hard things. This change is also in response to the new dual credit policy LSPD students started using FY25.

Mission: We will nourish student growth by investing in partnerships & implementing culturally responsive, place-based education.

Vision: We grow self-directed, life long learners, who are founded in their culture & contribute to their communities, and goals.

WHAT CHANGED:

1st change: Previously all classes with letter grades were calculated into the overall student's GPA equally.

"The customary point value shall be: A = 4.0, P/B = 3.0, C = 2.0, D = 1.0, and F = 0.0."

LPSD will now calculate college courses at a higher value than typical high school classes. Schools commonly refer to this as a "weighted GPA."

With a weighted GPA, the harder the class, the higher the weight. The higher the weight, the higher a student's overall GPA is.

"College Courses will be weighted. Courses of equivalent rigor (Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, etc.) may also be weighted upon request, but at the sole discretion of the Curriculum Director. The point value for weighted courses shall be A = 5.0, B = 4.0, C = 3.0, D = 2.0, and F = 0.0."

2nd change: Grades given by other schools that students transfer into LPSD will now be listed on the transcript under the name of the school(s) that gave the grade.

WHAT STAYED THE SAME:

1. The Point Value Conversion table did not change.
2. LPSD will continue the dual credit application where students have the option to apply college credits to their LPSD high school transcripts and overall GPA calculations.
3. Pass/Fail courses: All pass/fail courses that do not receive a letter grade, can count as earned/not earned credit, but will not be counted in a student's overall GPA.

AI in LPSD

1. **LPSD-created curriculum** to teach students grades 6+ about AI: [LINK](#). All LPSD teachers and students can access this resource via classlinks.
2. **AI Acceptable Use Policy and guidelines for AI Use** can be found in the SBS booklet on pg 23. This was created by the LPSD AI committee during the Spring of 2024. [LINK](#)
3. Recent **Professional Development** Opportunities:
 - LPSD covered the cost for any interested teacher to take the AK Staff Development Network sponsored online AI Training with Jeff Utecht and Tricia Freidman: : [LINK](#).
 - In-person AI training during October Inservice on Thursday, October 16th. Teachers had options to learn about different AI topics from fellow colleagues. [Link to October training sessions:](#)

More ways LPSD students are earning credit for High School Diplomas

Click the link to see an update on how many classes students are taking and earning credit for in the Advanced Online Course Program, Experiencing Out, BBRCTE, and Our Language Program. [LINK](#)

For the fall semester, 2025: LPSD had 16 students from 6 different schools sign up to take 25 advanced online classes.

For the spring semester, 2026, so far, LPSD has had 9 students from 6 different schools sign up to take 14 advanced online classes.

It is a pleasure to serve the district. Please reach out as questions arise. Happy New Year. Quyana, Chin'an.

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Enjoying a January sunset in Port Heiden with Rosemary, Katie, JW, and Lauren.

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Refereeing games at the LSPD Jamboree with Mr. Ed Lester.



