

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Related Entries: Policy 608.07, Administrative Regulation II-RA
Responsible Office: OFFICE OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

WEIGHTED GRADING

A. PURPOSE

To provide additional quality points in the calculation of a student's grade point average for the taking of rigorous course work.

B. ISSUE

Students who take rigorous secondary level academic courses are more prepared to tackle the rigors of college courses, are more successful in earning a college diploma, and are more able to manage their time effectively to plan for the future. Students successfully completing such courses should be rewarded with additional quality points calculated in their grade point averages.

C. POSITION

1. One system of weighted grading shall be applied to grades of A, B, or C earned by students enrolled in "Honors," "Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Post AP" courses. One additional quality point shall be added to Advanced Placement, IB, and Post AP courses and .50 quality point to Honors courses.

| <u>Unweighted Courses</u> | <u>Honors Courses</u> | <u>AP, IB and Post AP Courses</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| A = 4 | A = 4 + .50 = 4.50 | A = 4 + 1 = 5 |
| B = 3 | B = 3 + .50 = 3.50 | B = 3 + 1 = 4 |
| C = 2 | C = 2 + .50 = 2.50 | C = 2 + 1 = 3 |
| D = 1 | D = 1 + 0 = 1.0 | D = 1 + 0 = 1 |
| E = 0 | E = 0 + 0 = 0 | E = 0 + 0 = 0 |

2. A system of grading, including weighted grades shall be applied for all school system policies, regulations, and procedures, such as ranking in class and extracurricular eligibility. This system shall be designated on all student transcripts. The student transcript shall reflect both a "weighted" and "unweighted" grade point average.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

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