

Weston High School
Grade Point Average: Calculations, Policies, FAQ's

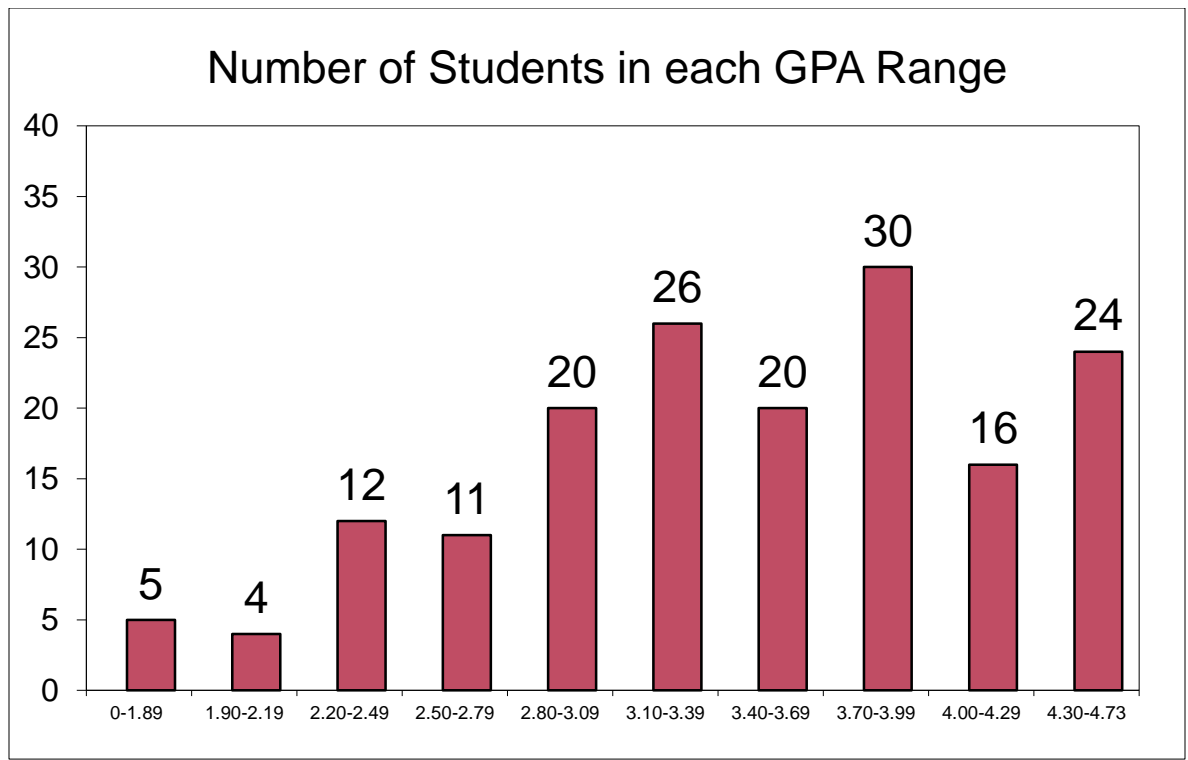
Weston High School does not rank students.

Weston High School calculates a weighted GPA which is provided to college and post-graduate institutions. The weighted GPA is on a 4.0 scale and includes AP courses and all courses that meet five times per eight day cycle at Weston High School. Students attending Weston High have their weighted GPA computed five times:

- a 4-semester GPA determined at the end of sophomore year;
- a 5-semester GPA determined at the mid-point of junior year, averaging in the first semester;
- a 6-semester GPA determined at the end of junior year;
- a 7-semester GPA determined at the mid-point of senior year, averaging in the first semester; and
- a final GPA upon graduation. A bar graph is created showing the distribution of the entire class' weighted GPA, once at the end of junior year and again at mid-year of senior year.

Students must have attended Weston High School for at least four semesters in order to have their GPA reported on the transcript. The weighted GPA is calculated as follows:

	<u>AP</u>	<u>Honors</u>	<u>CP</u>
A	5.0	4.7	4.0
A-	4.7	4.4	3.7
B+	4.3	4.0	3.3
B	4.0	3.7	3.0
B-	3.7	3.4	2.7
C+	3.3	3.0	2.3
C	3.0	2.7	2.0
C-	2.7	2.4	1.7
D+	2.3	2.0	1.3
D	2.0	1.7	1.0
D-	1.7	1.4	0.7
F	0	0	0



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does Weston High School calculate an unweighted GPA?

A: Yes. The unweighted GPA includes every graded subject that a student takes at Weston High School but does not include a “boost” for honors or advanced placement courses. It is proportioned, which means that an “A” in a 2.0 credit course (Physical Education) is factored in proportionately to an “A” in a 5.0 credit course (English). Weston High School does not provide a graph showing the distribution of all student’s unweighted GPA’s, but if providing post-graduate institutions with a student’s unweighted GPA will help the student, the counselor will note that in his/her letter of recommendation.

Q: What if I don’t want my weighted GPA sent to colleges?

A: All students (with the exception of those in attendance fewer than four semesters) have their weighted GPA reported as part of the materials that the guidance department sends. But if the unweighted GPA is a better number, your counselor will mention that in his/her letter of recommendation.

Q: I failed a course at Weston High School and made that course up in summer school. What happens to the old grade and new grade?

A: Only courses taken at Weston High School factor into a grade point average. So, the old grade of “F” still factors into the GPA. While the new grade taken at the summer school does not factor into the GPA, it will be noted on the transcript that the course was passed and the credits earned are included in the total credits toward graduation. The transcript with the letter grade from the summer course is included with the Weston transcript.

Q: I did an Independent Study. Does that factor in at all into my GPA?

A: No. Only courses that receive a letter grade get factored into GPA. Because Independent Studies are Pass/Fail, they do not factor numerically into the GPA. But, through the Transcript Addendum, there is an opportunity to describe the project and your guidance counselor will note the independent study in his/her letter of recommendation.

Q: I took an online course. Does that factor in at all into my GPA?

A: No. Online courses are indicated on the transcript and receive a Pass/Fail grade upon completion, so they do not factor numerically into the GPA. An official transcript must be sent to guidance (directly from the program), which is attached to the Weston transcript and will indicate the grade earned in the course.