

Class Rank & Grade Point Average

Senior class rank is determined by seven semesters ending with the first semester of your senior year. Class rank is based on an average of ALL classes. If you have taken Advanced Placement or Dual Enrollment courses, you should be aware that your grade had 10 points added to it. Many colleges and scholarship programs prefer to look at “unweighted” grade point averages. For an “unweighted” GPA, you should calculate those AP and Dual Enrollment grades with the 10 points removed. Many students get confused about what it means to have a true 4.0 GPA. Simply stated, a student with a 4.0 GPA has never earned any grade below an ‘A’ on all high school coursework.

Quality Points Scale

Course Grade	A	B	C	D	F
Quality Points	4	3	2	1	0

Example

Course	Weighted	Weighted Quality Point	Unweighted Grade	Unweighted Quality Point
AP British Lit	95	4	85	3
AP Calculus	80	3	70	2
Spanish II	85	3	85	3
P.E.	100	4	100	4
		Weighted GPA = 3.5		Unweighted GPA= 3.0

HOPE GPA

HOPE eligibility is determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission. To qualify for the HOPE scholarship, students must be a U.S. citizen or meet the eligible non-citizen requirements. Students must also meet HOPE’s Georgia residency requirements. Students must earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA on all attempted college preparatory core curriculum coursework. Students on the career/technical diploma track must earn a 3.2 cumulative GPA on all attempted core curriculum coursework. Please note that HOPE requirements are set by the state of Georgia and are subject to change. The most current HOPE information is available online through www.gacollege411.org.

Cumulative GPA

The cumulative GPA is an average of ALL classes. This is how student rank is calculated. Remember that ALL numerical grades (90-100 = 4.0) must be converted to quality points to get an “exact” GPA.

Required High School Curriculum GPA

Unlike the HOPE GPA and the Cumulative GPA, colleges calculate the 17 units from the Required High School Curriculum: Math – 4 units, English – 4 units, Science – 4 units, Social Studies – 3 units, Foreign Language – 2 units for admissions decisions. This rule begins with the class of 2012 and beyond.

As always, see your counselor for more details!