

GRADE REPORTS AND GRADING SCALE

GRADE LEVEL - Courses open to student to be enrolled in individual grades

CREDIT - Credit given to be counted as part of the credits needed to graduate

LENGTH OF COURSE

1 semester (half year) = 18 weeks

2 semesters (full year) = 36 weeks

COURSE LEVEL

AP/H = Advanced Placement / Honors

CP = College Prep

G = General Level

B = Basic Level

R = Remedial

FEE - Cost

At the mid-point of each 9-week period, every student receives a Progress Report.

Grades are issued at the end of each 9-week period. For a semester course, the 9-weeks grade and the 18-weeks grade are averaged to compute the final grade for the course. For a class lasting two semesters (a full year), final grades are used to determine whether credit was earned. Final grades are also used to calculate class rank and honor roll membership. Final grades are determined by averaging two semester grades; semester grades are determined by averaging the 9-weeks grades.

The following grading scale will be used in all classes in the Fairfield City Schools beginning in the 2011-2012 school year:

Letter Grade	Grade Range		
A+	98	to	100
A	93	to	97
A-	90	to	92
B+	87	to	89
B	83	to	86
B-	80	to	82
C+	77	to	79
C	73	to	76
C-	70	to	72
D+	67	to	69
D	64	to	66
F	0	to	63

Some classes carry weighted grades. Weighted grades can affect a student's grade point average and class rank. **No Freshman School grades are weighted.**

Each student's grades are combined in a grade point average (GPA). The grade point average appears on a student's permanent high school records. When colleges, trade schools, employers, or military recruiters ask for a student's high school records, this number will be included. Every course taken in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 will count toward the grade point average. Students who start their high school years by earning low grades in 9th grade find that it can take two or three additional years in order to

bring up their GPA. In each course teachers will explain what is required in their classes and will provide suggestions for earning good grades.

CREDITS

Semester-long courses award .5 credit hours toward graduation. Courses lasting two semesters (the entire year) award 1 credit. The exceptions are Physical Education, which earns .25 credits per semester.

RETENTION OF TRUANT STUDENTS

Under section 3313.609 of the Ohio Revised Code the Board is required to adopt a policy on the retention of truant students. The Board shall prohibit the promotion of a student to the next grade level if the student has been truant (absent without excuse) for more than ten (10) percent of the required attendance days in the current school year, and has failed two or more of the required curriculum subject areas in the current grade. These provisions may be waived if the student's principal and teacher agree, in writing, that the student is academically prepared to be promoted to the next grade level.

CALCULATING WEIGHTED GRADES

When calculating grade point averages, Fairfield High School and Fairfield Freshman School will award quality points for all courses (weighted and unweighted) as follows:

Letter Grade	GPA Value
A+	4.3
A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
F	0

For Advanced Placement (AP) or Honors courses, an additional weight of 0.03 will be added on to the grade point average each semester, providing the student earns a C- or above in the Advanced Placement and/or Honors courses. All grades earned at Fairfield High School and Fairfield Freshman School will count in the calculation. The grade point average will be rounded to two decimal places, using an elevator of .005. Post secondary classes are counted in the grade point average but are not weighted.

If you have any questions about the weighted grade system or how it may affect choices in your student's schedule, please contact your student's guidance counselor. The following courses are weighted at Fairfield Senior High. **No Freshman School classes are weighted.**

10th Grade - Pre-AP English, Advanced Algebra II, AP World History

11th Grade - Pre-AP English, AP Biology, AP Art, German III, French IV, Spanish IV, Advanced Pre-Calculus, AP U.S. History, Honors Wind Ensemble, Honors Choraliers, Honors Orchestra, AP Music Theory

12th Grade - AP English Literature and Composition, AP English Language and Composition, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP American Government, AP Art, German III, French IV, Spanish IV, Honors Wind Ensemble, Honors Choraliers, Honors Orchestra, AP Music Theory, Senior Teacher Academy