



SEVEN OAKS

Classical School

POST GRADUATION COUNSELING OFFICE

Freshman Post Graduation Counseling Intro

Understanding GPA:

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Point Value (on 4.0 Scale)</u>
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
D-	.7
F	0

How to Calculate Your Unweighted GPA :

- Determine the point value of each of your grades.
- Add all of the point values together
- Divide that sum by the number of classes you are taking

How to Calculate Your Weighted GPA:

- Determine the point value of each of your grades.
- Add 1 point to your core classes
- Divide that sum by the number of classes you are taking
- This number will often be about .3-.5 higher than the unweighted GPA

Important GPA Benchmarks:

- A cumulative GPA below 2.5 greatly diminishes your chances of being accepted into college.
- 21st Century Scholars requires a 2.5 GPA in order to receive the scholarship.
- Many scholarships consider 3.0 to be a cutoff for awards.
- Students MUST achieve at least a 3.0 GPA in order to receive Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma.
- A cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 greatly increases your chances of being accepted into more competitive programs.
- A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher is ideal for receiving scholarships and being accepted into highly competitive programs.

Tips for Freshmen

- Cumulative GPA starts in your Freshman year!!!! If you tank your Freshman year, you are not starting on the right track.
- Your Freshman year grades count toward your Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma. If you get a grade that is lower than a C in a core class during your Freshman year, you disqualify yourself from the diploma.
- If you fail a class required for graduation, you will have to take it again.
- Having to retake core classes will limit your schedule options and restrict you from study halls and/or elective choices.
- Colleges are putting less emphasis on the SAT/ACT. If you think your test scores will save you from a low GPA, you thought wrong!
- Habits are hard to break.