

Grade Point Average

Grade Point Average is a cumulative average of points earned for each course divided by the number of credits attempted. Medway calculates both an unweighted and a weighted GPA, including only courses that meet full time; 7 times in a 7 day rotation. The unweighted GPA does not reflect the level of each course. The weighted GPA gives the student added points for their grades in accelerated, honors and Advanced Placement course.

- Based on a 7.0 scale, the weighted GPA applies a GPA equivalent to each numerical final grade based on the level of the course. See the weighted GPA/course level value chart included in the student handbook, page 78.
- The unweighted GPA is based on a 4.0 scale. The GPA equivalent applied is based on the college core value. This column is listed as COL on the weighted GPA/course level value chart.
- Each course GPA is multiplied by the total number of credits for that course
- The sum (GPA x credits) of all courses is then divided by the total number of credits for that course.
- Weighted GPA is used to determine valedictorian, salutatorian and other speakers at the end of senior year.
- A GPA distribution bar graph is sent to the colleges to reflect a student's weighted GPA in comparison with the rest of the class.

Colleges use the GPA to measure your overall performance in school and to compare you to other applicants. It is important to note that some colleges may recalculate your GPA using their own methods, generally including only core academic classes. The GPA includes your class averages beginning with freshman year. Doing well in your freshman and sophomore years can improve your GPA, but also help you take more challenging courses in your junior and senior year which may have more weight on the GPA scale. As most students apply to college before the end of first semester of senior year, the GPA that is sent to the colleges is based on the first three years.