

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for FBISD's New 100 Point GPA Scale

What is Grade Point Average (GPA)?

Grade Point Average (GPA) is a cumulative average of all semester grades that students earn in high school. Starting with the Class of 2019, FBISD will have a weighted 100 point scale for regular courses. AP courses will be given an additional weight of 10 points while Pre-AP, Honors and Dual Credit courses will be weighted by 5 points. To calculate GPA, the sum total of all semester grades are divided by the number of semesters.

What is Rank in Class (RIC)?

Every FBISD high school student is assigned a position or rank in his or her graduating class based on their weighted GPA. Colleges use RIC to see how candidates compare with their fellow classmates. Students in the top 10 percent (UT Austin top 7 percent) of their class are granted automatic admission to the Texas public or state university/college of their choice.

Why are AP courses weighted 10 points and Pre-AP, Honors and Dual Credit courses weighted only 5 points?

FBISD believes that AP courses, with their high curriculum standards and nationally normed exams, are on a significantly higher level in terms of rigor and difficulty than Pre-AP, Honors and Dual Credit courses and should be weighted accordingly. It is paramount that we have a GPA system that fairly assesses student accomplishment in class and rewards students for taking the most challenging courses possible.

Are Credit By Exam (CBE) scores included in GPA?

Yes. All passing CBE scores are posted on the high school transcript and used in GPA calculation as on-level course (no weight). For example, if a student takes the Spanish 1 CBE and earns an 88 and a 90, both grades will be used in grade averaging.

What about Summer School grades?

Yes. Summer School grades will also be included in GPA calculation.

Will the 4 point GPA be posted on the transcript?

The transcript will contain the 100 point GPA used for RIC. The 4 point GPA will be available upon request for particular scholarship or college applications that require the 4 point GPA.

Are failing grades included in the GPA?

Yes. Failing grades in the 100 point scale are included just like passing grades. For example, if a student earns a 65 in a class this grade will be used in the student's GPA calculation just like any passing grades.

How does this impact high school courses that my student is taking in middle school?

The new 100 point GPA scale applies to all high school courses taken by current students in middle school. This includes current courses in middle school that students are taking for high school credit.