

PLAN FOR GRADING IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE

In keeping with the philosophy of the Arlington Public Schools, its plan of grouping, and its effort to provide a program to meet individual differences, the following weighted grade point system will be used for grades 9-12 to mark students who have varying abilities.

Grades 9 - 12

| <u>Equivalent Numerical Values</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>Regular Level</u> | <u>Honors Level</u> | <u>IDENTIFICATION CODES ON REPORT CARDS</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|---|
| 97 - 100 | A+ | 12 | 15 | INC - Incomplete |
| 93 - 96 | A | 11 | 14 | NC - No Credit |
| 90 - 92 | A- | 10 | 13 | P/F - Pass/Fail |
| 87 - 89 | B+ | 9 | 12 | WD - Withdrawn |
| 83 - 86 | B | 8 | 11 | ABS - Attendance Policy |
| 80 - 82 | B- | 7 | 10 | X - GPA EXempt |
| 77 - 79 | C+ | 6 | 9 | |
| 73 - 76 | C | 5 | 8 | |
| 70 - 72 | C- | 4 | 7 | |
| Below 70 | F | 0 | 0 | |

$$\text{Grade Point Average} = \frac{\text{Grade Points Earned}}{\text{Number of Non-Exempt Classes Attempted}}$$

GPA/EXEMPT OPTION {Board Policy EIC (Local)}

1. GPA-exempt courses shall be limited to juniors and seniors who have maintained a GPA of a least 7.00.
2. Courses beyond the required 24 credits (*including the required third credit of Languages other than English on the Distinguished Achievement Graduation Plan*) could be taken as GPA-exempt courses, limited to two courses per semester per student.
3. The student's intent to take a course on the GPA-exempt basis option **must be declared** within the **first three weeks** of each semester.
4. The numerical grade earned on a GPA-exempt course shall be posted on the transcript with no grade points.
5. A third GPA exemption may be granted if applied to a third or fourth year course that is paired with another course in the same program.

Areas allowed for a third GPA exemption under this policy include band, choir, and orchestra.