

Sandy High School

Subject: Weighted Grades

In order to provide more incentive for our students to take the most rigorous classes, Sandy High School will be weighting grades beginning with the 2010-2011 school year with the sophomore class (Class of 2013). College admissions and particularly the more selective colleges are seeking students who have taken a rigorous program of study during their high school careers. Some students avoid rigorous classes for fear of negative impact on their GPA. Avoiding challenging courses to "protect" a high GPA could hinder a student's opportunities in college admissions processes.

All Advanced Placement and College Credit Courses will be weighted by one extra point. Report Cards will not change. Weighted grades will be used behind the scenes for the calculation of GPAs for the student's transcript. No indication of the weighted grading will appear on the report card. A regular GPA scale gives 4 points for an A, 3 points for a B, 2 points for a C, 1 point for a D.

Grade Point Comparison

<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Regular Courses</i>	<i>Advanced Placement/College Credit Courses</i>
A	4	5
B	3	4
C	2	3
D	1	2

For students who take these classes it will be possible for them to achieve a cumulative GPA higher than a 4.0.

Current Advanced/College Credit Courses

- Industrial Technology
 - Animal Science
 - Horticulture 1 & 2
- Language Arts
 - College Credit English
 - AP Literature
- Math
 - AP Calculus
- Science
 - College Prep Chemistry
 - AP Chemistry
 - AP Environmental Science
- Social Studies
 - AP World History
 - AP US History
- Visual and Performing Arts
 - AP Music Theory
- World Languages
 - French 3 & 4
 - German 3 & 4
 - Spanish 3 & 4