

RED HOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GRADE WEIGHTING
Policy #5402

Philosophy

It is the belief of the Red Hook Central School District that students should be encouraged to take as challenging a program as they are capable of handling. Students are also encouraged to take as many courses as their schedules permit. Grades for Honors, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate courses will be weighted so that the grade point average (GPA) of students course load will reflect the more rigorous course load. This procedure will be implemented for the entire transcript of all students who are in the Red Hook Central School District on or after September 1, 2012.

Class Ranking

1. Full credit courses are counted twice, including failures
2. Half credit courses are counted once, including failures
3. Ranking is done twice, first after 6 semesters and again after 7 semesters (Full year courses are counted once for the 7th semester averages.)
4. All students, including early graduates, will be ranked with their graduating class
5. All grades earned will appear on the final transcript.
6. Only final class averages will be used to determine ranking after six semesters. Semester averages for the seventh semester will be used to determine ranking at that time.
7. When a course is retaken, the new final class average will be added to class rank without deleting the previous final class average.
8. Calculation:
$$\frac{\text{Final grade} \times \text{weighted factor} \times \# \text{ of Credits Earned}}{\text{Total \# credits attempted}}$$

Course Weights:

Weighting will be done through the computer calculation of the GPA as illustrated on the attached example of weighted grades and not directly added to the grade by the teacher.

Course weights are assigned as follows:

1. Regents courses are calculated at 1.0. Regents courses generally terminate with a Regents examination or eventually lead to a Regents examination (e.g., foreign language);
2. Honors level courses receive a weight of 1.04;
3. AP/IB SL courses receive a weight of 1.06;
4. IBHL courses receive a weight of 1.08

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