

WHAT IS GPA AND RANK

GPA

GPA is an acronym for Grade Point Average.

Well.....what does that mean and why should I be worried about it?

Your GPA is an average of the grades you earn in each of your CORE classes while you are at HHS.

TWO TYPES OF GPA

1. **Unweighted** GPA is an average of each of the actual grades you receive. This GPA is what the colleges want to see on your transcript.
 - Your GPA will be calculated on the semester average of your Math, Science, History and English grade.

Class	Grade	4.00
Algebra I	95	4.00
Algebra I PAP	95	4.00
Biology	100	4.00
Biology PAP	80	3.00
IPC	80	3.00
World Geography	76	2.00
World Geography PAP	100	4.00

1. **Weighted** GPA is an average of each of the actual grades you receive **plus** the additional bonus points allotted to the class if it is an Honors, PAP or AP. **A WEIGHTED GPA IS USED only FOR CLASS RANK!**

- The semester average is the only average that is used in the calculation.

Class	Grade	5.00
Algebra I	95	4.50
Algebra I PAP	95	5.50
Biology	100	5.00
Biology PAP	80	3.30
IPC	80	3.00
World Geography	76	2.00
World Geography PAP	100	6.00

WHY IS MY GPA IMPORTANT?

- These grades will follow you for the rest of your life. This is very important for when you are applying to college! Colleges look at your GPA when determining if they will accept your college application.
- Scholarship donors look at your GPA when deciding if they want to award you their money.
- Whoever has the highest weighted GPA is awarded the honor of Valedictorian. The State of Texas pays for the first full year of the Valedictorian's college tuition to whatever public college they choose. This amounts to thousands of dollars!!!!

HOW DO I SEE MY GPA AND RANK?

- The most common way to see your GPA and Rank is on a document called a transcript.
- Your transcript is an important document which records your grades, personal information and your graduation program type as well as any endorsements that you receive.
- You will get a copy of your transcript upon registration each year so you can keep track of the classes that you have taken.
- It is kept in our office FOREVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!