

## **Instruction**

### **High School Courses Taken in Middle School**

The Putnam Board of Education believes that students should have the opportunity to take advanced math classes. Students who take Integrated Math Course 1 at Putnam Middle School, are eligible to receive high school credit.

#### **Criteria:**

1. The student completes Integrated Math Course 1 with a grade of 74 or greater.
2. During ninth grade at Putnam High School, the course will be added to the transcript as Integrated Math Course 1, P (Pass).
3. The grade will not be included in the cumulative grade point average.
4. Students are still required to earn three credits in Mathematics in grades 9-12.
5. If a student retakes Integrated Math Course 1 in high school, he/she will receive only one credit for Integrated Math Course 1.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2024, students who take Integrated Math Course 1 at Putnam Middle School will receive high school acknowledgement of successfully completing the course and students will be eligible to advance to the higher level course offered in the sequence of courses.

#### **Criteria:**

1. The student must complete the high school level course while in middle school with a grade of 74 or greater.
2. During the ninth grade at Putnam High School, the course will be added to the transcript as Integrated Math Course 1, P (Pass).
3. The grade will not be included in the cumulative grade point average.

**Legal References:** Connecticut General Statutes

10-211a High school graduation requirements.

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### **Weighted Grading**

#### **GPA Calculation, Weighted Grades**

A student's grade point average, or GPA, is an average of all accredited high school courses a student has taken.

When a student's overall course grade average is calculated without any adjustment, this is the simple GPA. However, Putnam High School offers courses on three levels. In order to differentiate between the three levels and encourage students to take more challenging courses, a weighted GPA system is also used. In this system, quality points are added to a student's passing numerical grade earned in a course.

In order to be considered as class valedictorian or salutatorian, a student must have been enrolled at Putnam High School for a minimum of three consecutive years by the time of graduation.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2024, Putnam High School will no longer calculate or communicate class rank. Senior class valedictorian and salutatorian titles will be determined and communicated at the end of the third quarter of the student's senior year.

Legal References:     Connecticut General Statutes

P.A. 99-81 An Act Concerning Weighted Grading for Honors Classes.

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