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Weighted Grading

GPA Calculation, Weighted Grades

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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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GPA Calculation, Weighted Grades and Class Rank

A student's grade point average, or GPA, is an average of all accredited high school courses a student has taken. The GPA value shown below and the credit value of the course are used to make this calculation.

When the values from the chart are used 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 the GPA values below are assigned to college prep courses. If a student takes an honors course, 0.5 is added to the GPA value. If a student takes an AP course, 1.0 is added to the GPA value.

Class rank is established using weighted GPA's. Since Putnam High School accepts grades from other schools in calculating GPA's, there is no minimum enrollment time required for a student to receive a class rank. However, in order to be recognized as class valedictorian (class rank: 1) or salutatorian (class rank: 2), a student must have been enrolled at Putnam High School for a total of two years by the time of graduation.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>College Prep</u>	<u>Honors</u>	<u>AP</u>
A+	4.33	4.83	5.33
A	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	1.67	2.17	2.67
D	1.00	1.50	2.00
F	0.00	0.00	0.00

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