

### What is it? Why is it important?

## WHY YOUR GRADE POINT AVERAGE IS IMPORTANT

## HOW YOUR SEMESTER GRADE IS CALCULATED

## HOW IS YOUR GPA CALCULATED?

#### Grade Points

- A = 4 points
- B = 3 points
- C = 2 points
- D = 1 point
- F = 0 points

<u>xample</u>		
English	А	4
Biology	B+	3
PE	₿	
Math	А	4
Foods	А	4
World History	A-	4
Points total		19
19 -	$\div 5 = 3.8  \text{GPA}$	

<u>Unweighted</u> GPA	Weighted GPA
A = 4 points	The unweighted semester GPA is calculated and then an
B = 3 points	honors boost of .22225 is
C = 2 points	
D = 1 point	
F = 0 points	

\*Both GPAs are shared with colleges/universities.

#### PRACTICE TIME! STUDENT 1

### What would his/her Unweighted GPA be?

English	A+
Biology	С
PE	A
Math	В
Spanish	B-
World Geography	B+

## Unweighted GPA for this student

Total		15	
World Geography	B+	3	
Spanish	B-	3	
Math	В	3	
PE	A	÷	
Biology	С	2	
English	A+	4	

Why is the total 15 and not 19?

GPA:  $15 \div 5(\text{total } \# \text{ of classes}) = 3.0$ 

### If this student received the same report card, what

## would his/her <u>weighted</u> grade point average (GPA) be?

*English (honors course)	A+
*Biology (honors course)	С
PE	A
Math	В
Spanish	B-
World Geography	B+

# Weighted GPA answer

*English (honors course)	A+	4
*Biology (honors course)	С	2
PE		



## "If you don't know where you're going...



...any road will take you there."

## Changing the Meaning of GPA: Goal, Plan, Action

**Define a Goal:** This should include short term goals, such as passing a test; mid term goals, which may take a few years to attain such as earning a diploma; and long term goals, which could be a major life target you aim for such as a career. Choosing your goals means deciding what you value most in life. A goal is a wish until you write it down. Write down your goals many times and place them everywhere so you can see them many times a day to

give you a target to work towards in order to focus your time more efficiently. If your goal changes, write down the new one.

# Changing the Meaning of GPA: Goal, Plan, Action

**Devise a** <u>Plan</u>: Most goals have several possible plans. The challenge comes in choosing the best one. The best plans are not always obvious and may take some time to discover. Focus on one goal and write down a plan or series of steps you need to take in order to reach this goal.

Take <u>Action</u>: Goals and plans never come to fruition unless you take action.

#### hat's our GPA (Goal, Plan, Action) to achieve our GPA (2.8 minimum)?

## Persistence/Credits

**CREDIT** = earning a passing grade, demonstrating mastery & successfully completing 18 academic credits and 2 PE credits

3.5 credits = sophomore

## POWER of 15

#### Quantitative Literacy

Spanish 4

Speech 1

CNA

The Power of 15 is a partnership between Township High School District 211 and Harper College providing increased opportunities for college credit before high school graduation. The program allows District 211 students to take college classes in high school that can simultaneously count toward their high school diploma and college degree.

Cosmetology

Art in Contemporary Society

Accounting

Biology 2

Culinary Arts

PLTW Digital Electronics

## POWER of 15

To stay on track to earn 15 college credits to graduate, we suggest the following:

**Freshman year** Complete prerequisites for enrollment in Dual Credit and/or AP level coursework OR enroll in AP level coursework as appropriate.

#### Example

higher in S234 Earth Science or S332 Chemistry or S338 Accelerated Chemistry; or departmental approval Enroll in AP Human Geography or AP Computer Science (prerequisite applies) freshman year