

CREDIT - A credit (or unit) is awarded to students who pass a year-long class, such as English I. Each semester class is worth one-half credit. A student has the capability of earning 3.5 credits per semester, or 7 per year. A total of 24/23 credits are required for graduation depending upon your diploma pathway.

GPA - This stands for *Grade Point Average*, which is calculated at the end of each semester of high school. It is the average of all seven classes per semester, using letter grades. On a 4.0 scale, an A receives 4 points, B = 3 points, C = 2 points and a D = one point. This is a cumulative average, meaning that your GPA is re-configured every semester, so each semester builds on the one(s) before it. It is very difficult to raise your GPA once it drops, so keep that in mind throughout high school.

OVERALL GPA VS. CORE GPA - Your overall GPA is computed using all seven classes per semester. Your core GPA, or sometimes called TOPS GPA, is computed from your core curriculum, which includes your four main academic areas plus foreign language, and your fine arts unit.

TRANSCRIPT GRADES/CREDITS:

Semester Grades become part of your High School Transcript that colleges will look at to determine admission/scholarships. Many employers also look at your transcript to determine what kind of worker you will be for their company.

Credits needed to be promoted to the next grade level:

Freshmen	must earn 5 credits
Sophomores	must earn 11 credits
Juniors	must earn 17 credits
Seniors	need 23/24 credits to graduate

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Grading Scale

A = 93 – 100

B = 85 – 92

C = 75 – 84

D = 67 – 74

F = 0 – 66

PLAN FOR SUCCESS:

My goals for each class are:

Math: _____ ELA: _____ Social Studies: _____ Science: _____

Things that will help me reach my goals. (Tutoring, study, using planner, less TV, less phone, earlier bedtime)

What obstacles (family problems, attendance issues, reading, etc.) stand in your way of reaching your goals?

Is there any way that your teachers can help?

EXTRA HOMEWORK/STUDY HELP:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

<http://www.homeworkla.org/>

Free Tutoring at School:

Mu Alpha Theta	Math Tutoring	Tuesdays room 518 at 7:45
National Honor Society	All Subjects	Friday room 505 at 8am

Talk to your teachers and discuss times for extra help