

## Important Information for CPS High School Students 2021-2022

Columbia Public Schools will be phasing into a weighted grading system, beginning in the fall of 2021. As students consider their course requests for the 2021-2022 school year, it will be important for them to consider the first steps in this system, which will include designating all AP Courses to receive an additional point in the calculation of GPA.

The current GPA calculation system assigns the following points to letter grades:

A	4.0
A-	3.6667
B+	3.3333
B	3.0
B-	2.6667
C+	2.3333
C	2.0
C-	1.6667
D+	1.3333
D	1.0
D-	0.6667
F	0.0

GPA is calculated by assigning each of these values to the each credit-bearing course grade, adding up all the values for a given period, and dividing by the total number of credit-bearing courses. Currently, the highest GPA possible in CPS is 4.0.

A weighted system that gives an additional point for AP courses would assign the following values to grades earned in AP Courses:

A	5.0
A-	4.6667
B+	4.3333
B	4.0
B-	3.6667
C+	3.3333
C	3.0
C-	2.6667
D+	2.3333
D	2.0
D-	1.6667
F	0.0

GPA calculation will be done in the same way. In this system, it will be possible for a CPS student to have a GPA higher than 4.0.

There are many questions about the system that will be addressed in the future. For now, we wanted students to have this information as they consider their options for course requests.