

HIGH SCHOOL GRADING SCALE, GRADE POINT AVERAGES, AND CLASS RANK

Grades In High School Courses

The following is the District’s standard letter-based grading scale and grade point average (GPA) conversion chart for high school courses:

Grade	GPA	Grade	GPA
A	4.000	D+	1.333
A-	3.667	D	1.000
B+	3.333	D-	.667
B	3.000	F	.000 (no credit earned)
B-	2.667	PASS	credit earned; not factored into GPA
C+	2.333	FAIL	no credit earned; not factored into GPA
C	2.000	I	incomplete
C-	1.667	W	withdrawn w/ school approval

No courses eligible for inclusion in the calculation of a GPA receive weighted treatment when the letter grade is converted to the numerical scale.

High School Grade Point Averages

Semester Grade Point Average. The District uses the end-of-semester composite grade that a student earns in each course for purposes of calculating a grade point average for each individual semester.

Cumulative Grade Point Average. A student’s cumulative high school grade point average is a calculation derived using each end-of-semester composite grade in a course.

Courses and course grades are either included in or excluded from the District’s GPA calculations as follows:

1. Courses that the District offers for high school credit are included in the student’s GPA whenever a high school student takes the course in the District and receives a grade that has a numerical GPA equivalent. This includes online courses offered by the District that are taken without applying to or attending another educational institution.
2. Provided that the administration determines that the grade awarded can be adequately converted to the District’s high school grading scale, grades received in the following courses are included in the student’s GPA:
 - Courses taken at or through a Wisconsin technical college or college/university in an attempt to earn high school credit.
 - Courses taken at another public high school or accredited private high school for which the District would award high school credit for a passing grade.
 - Courses for which the District would award high school credit for a passing grade and which the student has taken in either a District alternative education program or a District program for students with exceptional educational interests, needs, or requirements. .
3. Any course taken by a 7th or 8th grade student for credit toward high school graduation and that is being used to satisfy one of the mandatory minimum credits required by state law, is not included in the student’s cumulative high school grade point average.
4. Any course that is taken by a 7th or 8th grade student for credit toward high school graduation (including purely elective credit) but that is not being used to satisfy one of the mandatory minimum credits required by state law is not included in the student’s cumulative high school grade point average.
5. Courses taken on a Pass/Fail basis with District approval are not used in determining GPA.

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6. Any grade received by a student for instruction that has been provided by a home-based private educational with accreditation shall not be used in determining GPA.
7. Grades earned by a student in another country or through a study abroad program not offered by Rib Lake High School shall not be used to determine GPA, honors, or class rank.

Graduating Class

School-wide class rankings shall be maintained based on high school students' cumulative GPAs beginning at the conclusion of the first semester of the class's 9th grade school year] and continuing through the conclusion of the 12th grade spring semester. The calculation is updated at the conclusion of each semester.

The high school class ranking for purposes of valedictorian and salutatorian rankings are calculated at the end of the 12th grade winter semester. These designations will not change with spring rankings.

Nondiscrimination Statement

The District shall not discriminate in the methods, practices and materials used for evaluating students on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. This does not, however, prohibit the use of special testing materials or techniques to meet the individualized needs of students. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

LEGAL REFERENCES

Wisconsin Statutes

Section 118.33 [high school graduation requirements]

Wisconsin Administrative Code

HEA 9.05(2) [high school grading policy required]

PI 9.03(1)(f) [student nondiscrimination in student evaluation/testing policies]

PI 18 [high school graduation requirements]

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