

CLASS RANKINGS/GRADE POINT AVERAGES

The Board of Education wishes to have a grade ranking and grade point average calculation that is equitable and reflects the accomplishments of each of the district's students in grades nine through twelve. Therefore the Board of Education directs the Superintendent or designee to establish a system to calculate grade point averages using weighted values for qualifying courses.

This policy and its regulations are in effect for qualifying courses taken by students who are currently enrolled in School District 11. During the initial implementation of this policy Postsecondary courses that have been taken and are eligible for committee review will be considered during the first review committee meeting in the fall of 2002.

Courses Qualifying for Weighted Value Consideration

Honors

Honors classes are accelerated and include students whose achievement would benefit from this educational opportunity. Student selection is done in accordance with the procedures outlined in Policy IIA - Group for Instruction. File: IHCC.

Advanced Placement Program

This program is highly enriched and accelerated. Student selection is done in accordance with the procedures outlined in Policy IIA- Grouping for Instruction.

The advanced placement program with testing sponsored by the College Entrance Examination Board offers senior high students the opportunity to undertake work on the college level commensurate with their abilities. Students have the opportunity to earn advanced placement and/or college credit in this program. File IHCD

Post-Secondary Courses

Students who have taken all of the advanced courses available in an academic content area will be eligible to apply for weighted grade postsecondary course credit if the following criteria have been met:

Students have completed the Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) course in the content area they wish to pursue postsecondary credit in such as: Calculus, Psychology, Social Studies, Sociology, Foreign Language or English.

Postsecondary courses being considered are junior or senior level college courses in the academic content area.

Students must apply for the course to be weighted before taking the course. Counselors will review applications for courses to be considered for a weighted grade and applications will be forwarded to a committee for approval. The committee will be comprised of content area supervisors, a counselor, and administrators. The committee will meet twice a year to review applications in coordination with the postsecondary options enrollment deadlines.

International Baccalaureate Program

The IB is a highly enriched, accelerated, pre-University program with international recognition. An academic magnet for the greater Colorado Springs area, the IB program in D-11 offers senior high students the opportunity to undertake work on the college level commensurate with their abilities. Student selection is done in accordance with the procedures outlined in Policy IIA- Grouping for Instruction.

The IB program sponsors worldwide testing through its Curriculum and Assessment Center, affording students the opportunity to earn advanced placement and/or college credit.

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