

Hays CISD Calculation of GPA 2021-22 School Year and Thereafter

Definitions:

- GPA—Grade Point Average (most often calculated on a 4.0 scale)
 - Unweighted GPA—all courses carry the same weight in calculation of GPA; often used for college and scholarship applications
 - Weighted GPA—some courses carry a heavier weight when calculating GPA; used to determine class rank
 - Cumulative GPA—includes ALL courses for high school credit (including those HS credit courses taken while in middle school)
- Class Rank— a student’s place in the class when all GPAs of courses included for ranking are listed from highest to lowest. A student’s class rank is determined by **comparing their GPA to the GPA of all other students in the same grade. Rank is listed from highest to lowest.**

FAQ	Graduating Classes of 2025 (Current 12th Grade)	Graduating Classes of 2026 and beyond (Current 11th grade and below)
Which classes are included in unweighted GPA?	All high school credit classes	All high school credit classes
Which classes are included in weighted GPA?	All semester grades from high school credit classes, except those awarded for band, choir, drill team, cheerleading, athletics, and student aide, are included in weighted GPA.	Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2022-23 school year (2026 cohort), all semester grades for high school credit core classes (English, math, social studies and science--19 TAC Chapters 110, 111, 112, 113) and languages other than English, LOTE (19 TAC Chapter 114), and any defined as core or LOTE by the Texas Education Agency in TAC §74.12 are included in weighted GPA.*
What are the weights of the classes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tier I—Advanced Placement classes—6.0 weight ● Tier II—Advanced (formerly Pre-AP), Dual Credit (ACC), Dual Enrollment (UT OnRamps)—5.0 weight ● Tier III—Grade level courses—4.0 weight ● Tier IV—Locally developed courses—3.0 weight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tier I—Advanced Placement classes in core content areas (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) and LOTE —5.0 weight ● Tier II—Advanced (formerly Pre-AP), Dual Credit (ACC), Dual Enrollment (UT OnRamps) in core content areas and LOTE—4.5 weight ● Tier III—Grade level courses—4.0

		weight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tier IV—Locally developed courses—3.0
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FAQ	Graduating Classes of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 (Current 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)	Graduating Classes of 2026 and beyond (Current 8th grade and below)
How is class rank determined?	All semester grades, except those awarded for band, choir, drill team, cheerleading, athletics, and student aide, shall be used to compute class ranking. Class rank is based on students' GPA using grades for each semester, except for the final senior rank. Class rank for seniors is frozen at the end of the 6th week of the 4th nine-week grading period. Dual credit grades are not counted into the final freeze for seniors, as Dual Credit teachers have not completed their grade posting. Freshman class students are not ranked.	Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2022-23 school year, all semester grades for core (English, math, science, and social studies) classes and languages other than English, as defined by the Texas Education Agency in chapters 110-114 of 19 TAC and TAC §74.12 shall be used to compute class ranking.* Class rank for seniors is frozen at the end of the 6th week of the 4th nine-week grading period. Dual credit grades are not counted into the final freeze for seniors, as Dual Credit teachers have not completed their grade posting. Freshman class students are not ranked.

*** For the Class of 2026 (current juniors):**

- Only **core classes** (English, math, science, social studies) and **Languages Other Than English (LOTE)** will count toward the weighted GPA for class rank.
- Core and LOTE classes are defined by the state (Texas Administrative Code Chapters 110-114 and 74.12) and must also appear in the Hays CISD High School Course Guide as core or LOTE courses.
- **Debate, journalism, and public speaking** will not be included in GPA calculations for class rank, as these are categorized as electives in our course guide, even though the state lists them under English.

For the Class of 2027 (current sophomores) and Beyond:

Beginning with the Class of 2027, weighted GPA calculations for class rank will only include courses that meet **all** of the following criteria:

1. The course is listed in **both** Texas Administrative Code Chapters 110-114 and 74.12.
2. The course is a **college-aligned course** (Advanced Placement, dual credit, or dual enrollment) referenced in either Texas Administrative Code Chapters 110-114 or 74.12 or taken in lieu of a listed

high school course.

The course is classified as a **core subject** (English, math, science, social studies) or a **world language** in the most current Hays CISD Course Guide.

Courses weighted for class rank—Class of 2025

Tier II 5.0	
English 1 Pre AP (Advanced)	English 2 Pre AP (Advanced)
Algebra I Pre-AP(Advanced)	Algebra 2 Pre-AP (Advanced)
Geometry Pre-AP (Advanced)	Precalculus Pre-AP(Advanced)
Calculus: Independent Study Math	Chemistry I Pre-AP (Advanced)
Biology I Pre-AP(Advanced)	Anatomy and Physiology
World Geography Pre-AP(Advanced)	French 3 Pre-AP(Advanced)
Spanish 3 Pre-AP (Advanced)	ASL 4 (Advanced)
German 3 Pre-AP (Advanced)	UT On Ramps ELA
Advanced Computer Programming	UT On Ramps College Algebra
UT OnRamps Pre-Calculus	UT On Ramps Statistics
UT On Ramps US History	
PLTW – Engineering, Design, Development	Computer Science III
Dual Credit: Credits earned through dual credit programs with colleges and universities with whom the district has articulation agreements shall be used to calculate class rank as Tier II DC courses. *Grades based on A, B, or C shall be posted. No grades of W, D, or F are posted	
English Comp.—ENGL 1301, 1302	Spanish—SPAN 1411, 1412
Intro to Sociology—SOCI 2301	Brit. Lit—ENGL 2322
Intro to Psychology—PSYC 2301	Biology—BIOL 2101, 2102, 2304, 2305
Intro to Computing—COSC 1302	Strategies for Learning—EDUC 1300
Mexican Am. Studies—HUMA 1305	African Am. History—HIST 1643
Music Appreciation—MUSC 1306	Intro to Speech Comm—SPCH 1311
Humanities-HUMA 1302	U.S. History—HIST 1302
Environmental Systems—ENVR 1301	*Refer to Dual Credit in Course Guide

Courses weighted for class rank Class of 2026 and beyond

English Language Arts	Weight	Mathematics	Weight
English I	4.0	Algebra I	4.0
ESOL I	4.0	Advanced Algebra I	4.5
Advanced English I	4.5	Geometry	4.0
English II	4.0	Advanced Geometry	4.5
ESOL II	4.0	Mathematical Models with Applications	4.0
Advanced English II	4.5	Algebra II	4.0
English III	4.0	Advanced Algebra II	4.5
English IV	4.0	UT OnRamps College Algebra	4.5
AP English Language and Composition	5.0	Pre-Calculus	4.0
ACC Dual Credit English 1301 & 1302	4.5	Advanced Pre-Calculus	4.5
UT OnRamps Rhetoric	4.5	UT OnRamps Pre-Calculus	4.5
AP English Literature and Composition	5.0	AP Pre-Calculus	5.0
ACC Dual Credit English 2322	4.5	Advanced Quantitative Reasoning	4.0
Literary Genres	4.0	Algebraic Reasoning	4.0
Creative Writing	4.0	Statistics	4.0
Research and Technical Writing	4.0	UT OnRamps Statistics	4.5
Humanities	4.0	AP Statistics	5.0
ACC Dual Credit Humanities	4.5	AP Calculus AB	5.0
ACC Speech	4.5	AP Calculus BC	5.0
		Digital Electronics (CTE)	4.0*
		Financial Math (CTE)	4.0*
		Accounting II (CTE)	4.0*

*Will not be included for Class of 2027 forward

Science	Weight	Social Studies	Weight
Biology I	4.0	United States History Studies Since 1877	4.0
Advanced Biology I	4.5	United States Government	4.0
Integrated Physics and Chemistry	4.0	Economics w/ Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System	4.0
Chemistry	4.0	Personal Financial Literacy and Economics	4.0
Advanced Chemistry	4.5	World History Studies	4.0
OnRamps Chemistry I	4.5	World Geography Studies	4.0
OnRamps Chemistry II	4.5	World Geography Studies Advanced	4.5
Physics	4.0	Advanced Placement US History	5.0
OnRamps Physics	4.5	ACC Dual Credit US History	4.5
AP Biology	5.0	UT OnRamps US History	4.5
AP Chemistry	5.0	Advanced Placement European History	5.0
AP Physics I	5.0	AP World History	5.0
AP Physics II	5.0	AP Human Geography	5.0
AP Physics C: Elect. & Magnetism	5.0	AP US Government and Politics	5.0
AP Physics C: Mechanics	5.0	ACC Dual Credit Government	4.5
Aquatic Science	4.0	AP Comparative Government and Politics	5.0
Astronomy	4.0	AP Psychology	5.0
Environmental Systems	4.0	ACC Dual Credit Psychology	4.5
AP Environmental Science	5.0	Psychology	4.0
Advanced Animal Science (CTE)	4.0*	Sociology	4.0
Advanced Plant and Soil Science (CTE)	4.0*	ACC Dual Credit Sociology	4.5
Anatomy and Physiology of Human Systems (CTE)	4.5*	AP Macroeconomics	5.0
Food Science (CTE)	4.0*	UT OnRamps Economics	4.5
Scientific Research and Design (CTE)	4.0*		
Engineering Design and Problem Solving	4.0*		
Engineering Science (CTE)	4.0*		

Forensic Science (CTE)	4.0*	
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World Languages (LOTE—Languages Other Than English)	Weight
American Sign Language I (ASL)	4.0
American Sign Language II (ASL)	4.0
American Sign Language III(ASL)	4.0
American Sign Language IV Advanced (ASL)	4.5
Computer Science I	4.0
Computer Science II	4.0
Computer Science III Advanced	4.5
AP Computer Science Principles	5.0
AP Computer Science A	5.0
French I	4.0
French II	4.0
French III Advanced	4.5
AP French IV	5.0
French V Advanced	4.5
Spanish I	4.0
Spanish II	4.0
Spanish III Advanced	4.5
AP Spanish IV	5.0
AP Spanish V	5.0
Spanish V Advanced	4.5

Grade point scale for Classes of 2026 and beyond

Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated for all students (9-12) at the end of every semester. The accompanying scale indicates the grade point value of the grades earned. No grade points are earned for semester grades of 69 or below.

Numerical Grade	Tier I (AP)	Tier II (Advanced/DC. OnRamps)	Tier III On-Level and Unweighted	Tier IV Locally Developed
97-100	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5
93-96	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5
90-92	4.7	4.2	3.7	3.2
87-89	4.3	3.8	3.3	2.8
83-86	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5
80-82	3.7	3.2	2.7	2.2
77-79	3.3	2.8	2.3	1.8
73-76	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5
70-72	2.7	2.2	1.7	1.2
69 and Below	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0