

WEIGHTED GRADES POLICY

As College Board Advanced Placement courses and International Baccalaureate courses are recognized as being academically more rigorous, it is the policy of the Waterloo Community School District to weight student grades.

Students enrolled in AP and / or IB courses receive weighted grading.

Weighting a grade adds to the grade point value earned in the class. Grades in weighted classes will each receive one extra grade point. Therefore, an A in a weighted class will yield 5 grade points.

Transcripts would include a weighted GPA and non-weighted GPA. In addition, class rankings will be available to students using both methods.

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate have internal and external measures to maintain their standards.

- AP and IB staff receive training
- AP and IB course outlines are reviewed for approval
- AP and IB exams have external moderators

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses will be weighted on a 5.0 scale beginning fall of 2014-2015. The High Schools will operate with a 4.0 point scale and 5.0 point scale until opportunity can be equalized. The 5.0 point scale will be implemented with the 2014-2015 freshman class.

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