

Grading Scale Information

USD 385 recognizes two different grading systems: an unweighted 4.0 scale and a weighted scale. On student transcripts, each student will receive one grade point average (GPA) which is based on the four-point system (unweighted) for all courses. Each student will also receive a second grade point average (weighted) which gives certain courses a weighted grade. All courses, not listed below, continue to receive points based on the four-point scale. Courses earning pass/fail are not counted in the GPA.

Letter Grade	Percentage	4.0 Grading Scale	4.5 Grading Scale	5.0 Grading Scale
A	90%-100%	4 points	4.5 points	5 points
B	80%-89%	3 points	3.5 points	4 points
C	70%-79%	2 points	2.5 points	3 points
D	60%-69%	1 point	1.5 point	2 points
F	Below 60%	0 points	0 points	0 points

The following courses will be graded on the 4.5 weighted grading scale:

Honors English 1
Honors English 2
Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Spanish 5
Honors Geometry, Statistics, Trigonometry
Honors Algebra 2
Pre-Calculus and Discrete Math
Honors Modern World History

The following courses will be graded on the 5.0 weighted grading scale:

Accelerated United States History 10
AP United States History
AP U.S. Government
AP Language and Composition
AP Literature and Composition
AP Computer Science A

AP Calculus
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics 1
AP Physics 2
AP Physics C Mechanics
AP Physics C Electricity and Magnetism

All GPA's used will be on the weighted scale.

Summa Cum Laude 4.0+ GPA

Magna Cum Laude 3.80-3.999 GPA

Cum Laude 3.60-3.799 GPA

Below is a description of the way the Latin system works and the way it will affect the incoming classes:

Class of 2019

- Val/Sal selected by unweighted GPA
- Latin honors selected by weighted GPA

Class of 2020

- Val/Sal-unweighted GPA
- Latin honors selected by weighted GPA

Class of 2021

- No Val/Sal or class rank
- Latin honors selected by weighted GPA

Class of 2022

- No Val/Sal or class rank
- Latin honors weighted GPA