

GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Whenever it becomes evident to a teacher that a student is in danger of failing a course, the teacher shall arrange a conference with the student's parent/guardian or send the parent/guardian a written report. For the purposes of the notification of failing, the six-week report cards shall serve as notification. A "D+" grade or lower is an indication that the student is in danger of failing a course.

An incomplete is given only when a student's work is not finished because of illness or other excused absence. If not made up within six weeks, the incomplete will become an "F".

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class may be adversely affected due to the fact that the student, because of circumstances beyond his/her control, does not wear standardized physical education apparel. (Education Code 49066)

Criteria for determining grades for achievement may include but are not limited to:

1. Preparation of assignments, including accuracy, legibility, and promptness.
2. Contribution to classroom discussions.
3. Demonstration of understanding of concepts in tests.
4. Application of skills and principles to new situations.
5. Organization and presentation of written and oral reports.
6. Originality and reasoning ability when working through problems.

Grade Points

Grades for all subjects, with the exception of Advanced Placement Honors and International Baccalaureate courses will be counted as follows:

A = 4.0	B+ = 3.3	C+ = 2.3	D+ = 1.3	F = 0
A- = 3.7	B = 3.0	C = 2.0	D = 1.0	
	B- = 2.7	C- = 1.7	D- = 1.0	

Advanced Placement Honors/International Baccalaureate Courses

The district wishes to encourage qualified students to take Advanced Placement Honors courses in those academic subjects where they are available. Because of the extra work involved, the evaluation system shall be weighted to reflect the more rigorous nature of these courses. Grades received in these courses will be counted on the following scale:

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A = 5.0	B+ = 4.3	C+ = 3.3	D+ = 1.3	F = 0
A- = 4.7	B = 4.0	C = 3.0	D = 1.0	
	B- = 3.7	C- = 2.7	D- = 1.0	

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement Honors and International Baccalaureate courses will be graded using the five-point grading scale indicated above for each semester of course enrollment.

During the period of enrollment for a student in an Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate course, the student's transcript will include the grade based upon the five-point grading system.

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)

College Courses (Concurrent Enrollment)

College courses may only be taken when one of the Northern Humboldt Union High School District schools does not offer the same or equivalent course. The following applies for NHUHSD students taking a college course:

A NHUHSD student must have prior approval from the school principal to enroll in a college course.

(cf. 6141.51 - Humboldt State University/College of the Redwoods)

For the first two college courses taken, a NHUHSD student will be required to choose between the following two credit/grading options:

1. NHUHSD will grant 3-1/3 high school credits per college unit passed, up to a maximum of 20 high school credits. [Six college credits equals 20 high school credits]. The student's GPA will be calculated based upon the standard 4.0 grading system (grading on a four-point scale, with A=4 GPA points).

OR

2. NHUHSD will grant credit on a one-to-one basis. For example, a three-unit college course will be given three high school credits. With the approval of the school administration, as determined by the course being taken, the student's GPA will be calculated based upon the 5.0 honors grading system (grading on a five-point scale, with A=5 GPA points).

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After the completion of the first two college courses, all additional college courses will be granted credit only on a one-to-one basis. With the approval of the school administration, as determined by the course being taken, the student's GPA will be calculated based upon the 5.0 honors grading system (grading on a five-point scale, with A=5 GPA points).

Courses taken at college will be counted toward the high school GPA.

NHUHSD seniors must be enrolled in a minimum of four NHUHSD classes to be eligible to take a college course.

NHUHSD juniors must be enrolled in five NHUHSD classes to be eligible to take a college course.

NHUHSD students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to be eligible to take a college course.

Special high school programs held on college campuses are not eligible for either enhanced unit or grade point credit as they are high school courses (i.e., Upward Bound, etc.)

Repeated Classes

With approval of the principal or designee a student may repeat a course in order to raise his/her grade. The student shall receive credit for the new course and retain credit for the previous course as elective credit if the grade is improved by a minimum of one full grade. If the grade is not improved by one full grade, the highest grade received will be the permanent grade and there will be no elective credit for the lower grade. If the repeated course is an AP or University course, the repeated course will not receive the additional grade point.

The following courses may be taken for credit more than once without the approval of the principal or designee:

African Drums and Rhythms	Electronic Publishing
Concert Band	Journalism
Jazz Band	Photography
Orchestra	Auto Mechanics II
Chamber Singers	CEDAR Academy
Choir	Computer Programming

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Madrigal Choir	HROP Classes (with permission of instructor)
Dance	Leadership
Drama 1	Library Technology
Drama 2	Physical Education
Advanced Theater Workshop	Reading Strategies
Graphic Design/Yearbook	RSP Study Skills
Yurok Language I	Yurok Language II