

The idea is to get students in the habit of planning early and often, so that their education experience is as fulfilling and useful as possible.

DoDEA Graduation Requirements

DoDEA's goal is to provide consistent and rigorous high school programs for all students that will place them in a competitive position when seeking entrance into college or the workforce.

Grading and Weighted Grades

Several years ago, DoDEA researched practices on honors classes and weighted grades used in schools from across the United States. As a result DoDEA implemented a practice that does not weight honors classes or assign a weighted grade when computing GPAs on incoming transcripts from previous schools.

This policy also allows our system to provide a standard and consistent weighted grade policy for our highly mobile student population.

DoDEA Weighted Grade Policy

- ▶ Advanced Placement (AP) classes carry a weighted grade only when the student has completed the course and taken the AP exam for that class.
- ▶ Honors class will not carry a weighted grade. DoDEA will not assign a weighted grade for Honors classes when computing GPAs on incoming transcripts from previous schools.
- ▶ DoDEA does not change any letter grade on the transcripts but will assign the point values based on DoDEA's grading scales.
- ▶ Second Year Higher-Level International Baccalaureate (IB) classes (Bahrain only) carry a weighted grade upon completion of the class.

The DoDEA Weighted Grade Policy should not affect college acceptance. To minimize the impact of variances in high school grading policies and practices, colleges and universities often recalculate GPAs using internal methods.

Colleges and universities evaluate many factors when assessing students for admissions: rigorous coursework, SAT/ACT scores, participation in extracurricular activities, leadership experience and overall grades. The best practice for any student seeking college/university acceptance is to take the most rigorous program available and that will be reflected on the high school transcript.

Grading Scales

<u>Unweighted Scale</u>	<u>Weighted Scale</u>
A = 4	A = 5
B = 3	B = 4
C = 2	C = 3
D = 1	D = 2
F = 0	F = 0

High School Assessments

A variety of assessments are conducted each year to help measure student success. Students also have the opportunity to take the following aptitude and skills tests and inventories for post-secondary and career decision making.

- ▶ TerraNova Multiple Assessments (Grades 9-11)
- ▶ End of Course Exam (U.S. History)
- ▶ Advance Placement (AP) Exams (Required for weighted grades in all AP classes.)
- ▶ Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)
- ▶ PSAT/NMSQT – The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (Grades 10 and 11, 8 and 9 AVID)
- ▶ SAT and Subject Area Tests
- ▶ ACT
- ▶ Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) (9th Grade)

