



## ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE

**4.20.022-AD**

### **Weighted Grading of High School Courses**

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- A. Weighted Grades:
  - 1. Provide an incentive for high school students to take the most rigorous course work available.
  - 2. Assure that all Portland Public School Students have access to the opportunity to earn transcript recognition for their work.
  - 3. Will only be given to course work authorized under national or international standards.
- B. National or international program recognition is currently given to:
  - 1. College Board approved Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and
  - 2. Approved International Baccalaureate (IB) programs
- C. Schools offering Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses will grade these courses according to the following formula:
  - 1. Completion with an A will earn 5 points, with a B will earn 4, with a C will earn 3 points and with a D will earn 2 points.
- D. Pre-AP and Pre-IB courses will not be weighted.
- E. Weighted grades are currently in place for IB courses and will be implemented for AP courses beginning with the first semester 2008-09 school year grades.
- F. Transcripts will show both weighted and unweighted class ranking.
- G. Weighted grades will **not** be used to determine valedictorian eligibility.

Policy Implemented: 6.10.010-P Student Achievement

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