

WEIGHTED GRADING AND CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGES

The New Milford Board of Education (the “Board”) recognizes the importance of parents and students understanding the manner in which grade point averages are calculated within the New Milford Public Schools (the “District”). In accordance with Connecticut law, this policy shall explain the manner in which grade point averages are calculated within the District.

I. Calculation of Grade Point Average and Class Rank Percentile for Purposes of the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program

The Board understands its obligation under state law to identify students in the District who are eligible for the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program (“CAAP”).

In accordance with state law, for each student who completes eleventh grade, the District will: (1) calculate a grade point average using the standardized method established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education (“BOR”) for purposes of the CAAP (“CAAP GPA”), and (2) determine whether such student’s class rank percentile is above or below the minimum established by the BOR. The District shall share a student’s CAAP GPA and whether the student is above or below the minimum class rank percentile for the CAAP with the student, the student’s parent or guardian, the Connecticut State Department of Education (“CSDE”), and, upon request, a participating institution for purposes of applying to such institution under the CAAP.

The District shall notify each student enrolled in the student’s final year of high school, and the parent or guardian of such student, whether the student may be admitted to at least one participating institution under the CAAP based on the academic threshold established by such institution.

The District shall calculate each student’s CAAP GPA, identify institutions to which students are eligible for automatic admission under the CAAP, and generate student letters in accordance with guidance issued by the CSDE, as such guidance may be amended from time to time.

II. Calculation of Grade Point Averages

The Board believes that, due to the rigorous nature of certain classes, the grades earned in such classes deserve additional weight for purposes of calculating grade point average and determining class rank. These rigorous classes: honors classes, advanced placement classes, International Baccalaureate program, Cambridge International program, dual enrollment, dual credit or early college. Therefore, it is the policy of the Board to grant grades earned in such courses additional weight for the aforementioned purposes.

For all purposes other than qualifying students for the CAAP, a student’s grade point average shall be calculated by using the numeric value and/or weighted grading for each course a student completes at New Milford High School.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for implementing this policy and developing procedures in furtherance of this policy, if necessary.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-220g

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-220q

Connecticut General Statutes § 10a-11h

Connecticut State Department of Education, *Information and Resources to Support Connecticut School for the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program (CAAP)*, available at <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Performance/Information-and-Resources-to-Support-Connecticut-Schools-for-CT-Automatic-Admissions-Program>

Policy approved: June 20, 2023

NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
New Milford, Connecticut

Instruction

Administrative Regulation Regarding Weighted Grading for Honors and Advanced Placement Classes

The High School uses a letter grading system and a course “weighting system.” The basis of the system is developed on a 4.0 scale, where each letter grade has a corresponding numeric value. All courses are used to determine a student’s grade point average (GPA). In addition to the GPA, all students have a Weighted GPA (WGPA). Courses designated as honors will carry a +0.83 weight and those designated as Advanced Placement carry a +1.33 weight.

Table with 4 columns: Letter Grade, Weight, +0.83, +1.33. Rows include grades from A+ to F with corresponding numeric values.

The weighted grades in honors and Advanced Placement shall be used in calculating the grade point average. Students’ transcripts will reflect their weighted GPAs.

The WGPA shall be used in determining class rank.

Legal Reference:

10-220g, Connecticut General Statute Section 10-220g, Policy on Weighted Grading for Honors and Advanced Placement Classes Public Act 21-199 An Act Concerning Various Revisions to the Statutes Related to Education and Workforce Development

Regulation approved: June 20, 2023

NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS New Milford, Connecticut