

## **“An 80 GPA is NOT what it used to be”**

### **Changes in the HOPE Scholarship GPA Calculation and Eligibility for 2007**

1. Changes apply to ALL Georgia High School graduates who begin their college careers on or after May 1, 2007, regardless of previous HOPE eligibility determinations. Students who graduate in 2006 (under the old HOPE regulations) and postpone college enrollment until the 2007-08 college year will have to meet the new HOPE eligibility requirements.
2. Changes in HOPE Scholarship eligibility were made by the Georgia General Assembly in April 2004. The statute governing these changes is 20-2-157 O.C.G.A, and may be viewed at [http://www.legis.state.ga.us/cgi-bin/gj\\_codes\\_detail.pl?code=20-2-157](http://www.legis.state.ga.us/cgi-bin/gj_codes_detail.pl?code=20-2-157).
3. All Georgia high schools must send complete transcripts with all course history to the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC), who will determine HOPE Scholarship GPAs and eligibility. Local high schools will no longer calculate the HOPE GPA for their graduates.
4. Graduates completing a College Prep (CP) Diploma must have a 3.0 GPA on a TRUE 4.0 scale. (The numerical GPA will no longer be considered)
5. Graduates completing other diploma types (i.e., Technology/Career Prep) must have a 3.2 GPA on a TRUE 4.0 scale. (The numerical GPA will not be considered)
6. The following scale will be used to convert numerical grades to a TRUE 4.0 scale:
  - A = 4.0 (for most schools: 90-100, but your school's scale will be used to convert)
  - B = 3.0 (for most schools: 80-89, but your school's scale will be used to convert)
  - C = 2.0 (for most schools: 70-79, but your school's scale will be used to convert)
  - D = 1.0 (for schools who use a D in their grading scale)
  - F = 0 (for most schools this is a failing grade of 69 or below)
7. The grades for ALL attempted (passed and failed) academic courses will be converted to a TRUE 4.0 scale for calculation of the HOPE GPA. The following academic courses will be counted in the HOPE GPA calculation:
  - > ALL English courses with course numbers beginning with 23.
  - > ALL Mathematics courses with course numbers beginning with 27.
  - > ALL Science courses beginning with 26. and 40 plus Animal Sciences (02.X210) and Plant Sciences (02.X410).
  - > ALL Social Studies courses beginning with 45.
  - > ALL Foreign Language courses beginning with 60.-64. (College Prep diploma only).
8. Algebra I and other 8<sup>th</sup> grade courses that students received credit for in Middle School, will NOT be used to calculate the HOPE GPA.
9. All grades that are weighted at the local high school level for honors, gifted, PreAP and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate will be stripped of their weights by GSFC. Weighting of grades will become uniform across the State to calculate the HOPE GPA. However, local high schools can continue to add weights to grades in specific courses to calculate rank in class and determine honor graduates, valedictorian, and salutatorian.
10. GSFC will add a 1.0 quality point weight to a TRUE 4.0 scale for Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses completed before June 15, 2006, up to a maximum grade of 4.0 (A's are not weighted). GSFC will add a 0.5 quality point weight on a TRUE 4.0 scale for Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses completed June 15, 2006 or later, up to a maximum grade value of 4.0 (A's are not weighted). No other courses will be weighted by the GSFC unless authorized by the Georgia General Assembly.
11. The final HOPE GPA on a 4.0 scale will not be rounded up.

## Sample 4.0 Conversions of Numerical Grades

*Assumes Equal Credit Values for All Courses*

### COLLEGE PREP DIPLOMA

<u>Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>4.0 Conversion</u>
English	88	3.0
English	89	3.0
English	82	3.0
English	87	3.0
Math	85	3.0
Math	82	3.0
Math	80	3.0
<b>Math</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Science	89	3.0
Science	81	3.0
Science	80	3.0
Social Studies	85	3.0
Social Studies	89	3.0
Social Studies	88	3.0
Spanish	82	3.0
Spanish	88	3.0

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$$1343 \div 16 = 84.56$$

(HOPE eligible under old rule  
of minimum 80 GPA for CP  
diploma)

$$47 \div 16 = 2.9375$$

(Not HOPE eligible under new rules--  
Required minimum of 3.0 GPA for CP diploma  
NO Rounding up.)

### TECHNOLOGY CAREER PREP DIPLOMA

<u>Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>4.0 Conversion</u>
English	80	3.0
English	69	0
English	92	4.0
English	85	3.0
English	91	4.0
Math	85	3.0
Math	88	3.0
Math	90	4.0
Science	88	3.0
Science	85	3.0
Science	87	3.0
Social Studies	78	2.0
Social Studies	82	3.0
Social Studies	90	4.0

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$$1190 \div 14 = 85.0$$

(HOPE eligible under old rule  
of 85 min. numerical  
for a TCP diploma)

$$42 \div 14 = 3.0$$

(Not eligible for HOPE under new regulations --  
GPA Required minimum 3.2 GPA for TCP diploma)