

Calculating the HOPE Grade Point Average

1. 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 do not calculate the HOPE GPA for their graduates.
2. Graduates completing a College Prep (CP) Diploma must have a 3.0 GPA on a TRUE 4.0 scale.
3. Graduates completing other diploma types (i.e., Technology/Career Prep) must have a 3.2 GPA on a TRUE 4.0 scale.
4. The following 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)
5. 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 all other courses included in the Fourth Science Courses Requirement.
 - ALL Social Studies courses beginning with 45.
 - ALL Foreign Language courses beginning with 60. - 65. (College Prep diploma only).
6. Algebra I and other 8th grade courses that students received credit for in Middle School, will NOT be used to calculate the HOPE GPA.
7. 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 is uniform across the State in the HOPE GPA calculation. 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.
8. GSFC will add a 1.0 quality point weight to a TRUE 4.0 scale for Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses that were completed before June 15, 2006, up to a maximum grade of 4.0 (A grade of A is not weighted). GSFC now adds 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 Grade of A is not weighted). No other courses will be weighted by the GSFC unless authorized by the Georgia General Assembly.
9. 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

Course	Grade	4.0 Conversion
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
Math	78	2.0
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

$47 \div 16 = 2.9375$ (Final HOPE GPA)

(Not HOPE eligible)

Required minimum of 3.0 GPA for CP diploma

NO Rounding up.)

TECHNOLOGY CAREER PREP DIPLOMA

Course	Grade	4.0 Conversion
English	80	3.0
English	69	0.0
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

$42 \div 14 = 3.0$ (Final HOPE GPA)

(Not HOPE eligible)

GPA Required minimum 3.2 GPA for TCP diploma)