

Figuring Your GPA
8th Grade Advisement Activity
Estimated time: 30 Minutes (don't waste a minute)

Georgia's Teachers-As-Advisors Framework

Goal: 8-2.2 Recognize and attain performance levels necessary to reach educational and career goals.

Competencies: Recognize the importance of achievement and performance to the attainment of educational and career goals.

Objectives: Students will learn how to calculate a GPA and understand the impact a zero can have on one's grades

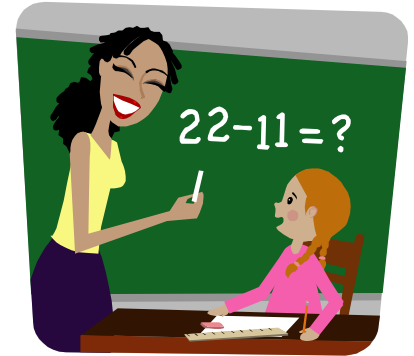
Materials: Handout: Calculating your Grade Point Average (GPA);

Activity:

1. *Say:* Welcome to advisement. I am glad to see you. I hope all is going well with you and your family. Today in advisement we are going to discuss the importance of doing the best work you can while in school. Doing your best means giving 100% to the task you are performing, whether that is studying for a test, doing a project, cleaning your room, listening to a friend, practicing a sport or a musical instrument. *Ask:* Why is doing your best important? *Allow for some discussion.* *Ask:* Do you think there are people who just don't try because they THINK they can't do something? *Entertain answers.* Of course, some people give up before they start! That is not the winning attitude. Working hard and studying can reflect your attitude.
2. *Say:* The grades you make in high school will determine the type of college you might attend, the possible scholarships you might be awarded or whether you graduate or not. *Ask:* Do any of you know how to average your grades to determine your GPA (Grade Point Average)? *Write this term on the board of flip chart.* The HOPE Scholarship is based on a GPA. To receive the HOPE SCHOLARSHIP, you must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale for all English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language coursework.
3. *Say:* I want you to know how to calculate your GPA, so we will have a short math lesson today. If you still don't understand the process, you might want to ask your math teacher to go over the process with you again in your math class.
4. *Distribute the handout, Calculating Your Grade Point Average (GPA)*
5. *Review the steps with students. Writing on the board can help with the visual process. Explain:* The Georgia HOPE Scholarship requires a 3.0 GPA in all English, Science, Social Studies, Math and Foreign Language course work taken in grades 9-12. You can check you GPA to determine your HOPE Scholarship eligibility on Gacollge411.
6. *Answers:* Set # 1=3.0, Set # 2= 2.5, Set # 3=3.25, Set # 4= 2.5 # 1 and # 3 would qualify for the HOPE Scholarship
7. *Dismiss:* If you still are having problems with the math, ask your math teacher to help you. Have a great day and I will see you the next time we meet.

Calculating Your Grade Point Average (GPA)

The HOPE scholarship is calculated based on one's GPA. Use these steps to figure your GPA. For all Georgia high school graduates who begin their high school careers during or after the 2008-2009 school year, must graduate with a 3.0 grade point average in all English, Math, Social Studies, Science and Foreign Language courses in grades 9-12 to receive the HOPE Scholarship.



1. Each grade you make is assigned a value:

A=4

B=3

C=2

D=1

F=0

2. Figure the value of your grades for 1 semester:

A=4

C=2

C=2

+B=3

11 ÷ 4 = 2.75

3. Divide the total points by the number of grades. (11 total points ÷ 4 grades = 2.75 cumulative GPA)

4. Practice:

Set # 1:

A, C, B, B

Set # 2

B, D, C, A

Set # 3

B, A, A, C

Set # 4

B, A, B, F

Check Gacollge411 for detailed information regarding the Georgia HOPE Program under the FINANCIAL AID tab located on the homepage.

6. Which of the above GPAs would qualify for HOPE Scholarship?