

345 GRADING SYSTEMS

The District shall evaluate student achievement in grades 4 year-old Kindergarten through grade 12. The issuance of grades on a regular basis serves to:

1. Promote a process of continuous evaluation of student performance.
2. Inform the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student's progress.
3. Provide a basis for bringing about change in student performance if such change is deemed necessary.

Specific grading systems shall be developed for various grade levels.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND HONORS AP POINTS

Williams Bay High School will award honors points for Williams Bay classes designated by the Williams Bay School Board as honors courses.

Williams Bay High School will award honors points for College Board's Advanced Placement courses offered by Williams Bay High School or other accredited schools through administratively approved programs

Williams Bay High School and Middle School utilizes a 4.0 scale for the purpose of converting letter grades to a numerical value. In determining the grade point average (GPA), the plus and minus grade will be differentiated from the straight letter grade and the following values assigned:

A = 4.0 A- = 3.7 B+ = 3.3 B = 3.0 B- = 2.7 C+ = 2.3

C = 2.0 C- = 1.7 D+ = 1.3 D = 1.0 D- = 0.7 F = 0

Honors course point values:

A = 4.5 A- = 4.2 B+ = 3.8 B = 3.5 B- = 3.2 C+ = 2.8

C = 2.5 C- = 2.2 D+ = 1.8 D = 1.5 D- = 1.2 F = 0

Advance Placement (AP) course point values:

A = 5.0 A- = 4.7 B+ = 4.3 B = 4.0 B- = 3.7 C+ = 3.3

C = 3.0 C- = 2.7 D+ = 2.3 D = 2.0 D- = 1.7 F = 0

GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS

The Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship Program integrates hands-on workplace experience with classroom learning, enhancing students' educational journeys and preparing them for future career opportunities. Any junior or senior at Williams Bay High School is eligible to participate in the youth apprenticeship program through the Gateway Technical College Consortium. Youth Apprenticeship is a one-year commitment by the student that requires a minimum of 450 hours of paid work experience. The two-semester course is worth 1 or 2 credits based on hours completed of related classroom instruction. An important component of the YA program is that you must be enrolled in a related course during the YA. For example, a construction YA would be taking Woods 1 or Woods 2. These courses could also be through Gateway.

Youth Apprenticeship Weighted Grade System:

- **Weighted Grading:** Students enrolled in the Youth Apprenticeship Program will receive a weighted grade for the course, which is factored into their GPA as per the 5.0/4.0 scale (e.g., A = 5.0). NOTE: Related courses to the YA are not AP weighted unless they are a College Board Advanced Placement course or Honors course.
- **Grading Criteria:** Evaluation in the Youth Apprenticeship Program will align with industry standards and workplace performance evaluations per the [On the Job Learning documents](#) for the specific youth apprenticeship.
 - A completed skill standards checklist is required for an apprentice to complete the program and be presented with a Certificate of Occupational Proficiency.
- **Transcript Recording:** Weighted grades earned in the Youth Apprenticeship Program will be recorded on the student's official transcript, reflecting the rigor and value of the program.
- **Credit Allocation:** Successful completion of the Youth Apprenticeship Program earns students both academic credit towards graduation requirements and valuable real-world experience.

OTHER GRADING AND CREDIT CONSIDERATIONS

All courses are included in a student's GPA except senior internship, student aide, peer helper and building trades academy.

Pass-fail grades are not incorporated into GPA. The following courses are graded on a pass-fail basis: internship, student aide, peer helper, alternative high school courses and some courses taken by special ed students if included in the IEP.

Students who study abroad are to provide Williams Bay High School with a transcript, which then will be added to the Williams Bay transcript (with a notation on where the grades came from).

Home Schooling - In cases in which parents provide a transcript from a school or program, Williams Bay High School will use the grades. In cases in which parents provide grades they have given to their own children, Williams Bay High School will award credit on a pass-fail basis.

Students who enroll in Williams Bay High School from a school in another country are to provide a transcript with the grades earned in that school. Students are expected to have met the requirement of 4 credits in English. Those grades then will be entered on the student's Williams Bay High School transcript.

The School District of Williams Bay shall not discriminate in the methods, practices and materials used for evaluating students on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, age, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

CREDIT AND GRADE TRANSFERS

All credits and grades transferred by a student entering the School District of Williams Bay will be converted into the existing grade and credit system approved for high school graduation.

1. Weighted grades will transfer only when the School District of Williams Bay offers the same course for weighted credit.
2. Grade point averages will be re-calculated according to courses and grades used in the School District of Williams Bay.
3. All conversions will be reviewed by the guidance counselor and, when appropriate, with the appropriate head of the department, with final approval given by the principal.
4. Williams Bay High School will transfer any College Board Advanced Placement Program course for Williams Bay honors points.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes, Section 118.13, Wisconsin Administrative Code PI 9.03(1) HEA 9

CROSS-REFERENCE: 345.1 – Rule (High School Grading Guidelines) 411 – Rule (Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures)

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