

Temple ISD FAQs-Grade Point Average (GPA) and Class Rank

How is a student's GPA calculated?

A student's cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated at the end of each semester beginning with the end of the first semester of a student's freshman year. The student's GPA is updated at the end of each semester and is calculated by averaging the final grades for each course taken (see yearly average calculation in *TISD Grading Guidelines*).

What is Weighted GPA?

Weighted GPA uses a scale based on the "weight" of certain courses. For purposes of class rank and GPA, a six-point scale shall be used (EIC Local). Class rank is determined by a student's weighted GPA.

If a student is enrolled in a course considered by the district to meet advanced measures, the course receives an additional grade point for calculating GPA. Courses designated as advanced can be found in the *TISD High School Course Catalog*. Courses that have been modified shall not earn the same number of grade points as regular or advanced. This is reflected in the chart found in [TISD Grading Guidelines](#) on page 24.

Which courses are included in Class Rank?

Class ranking shall be on the basis of designated core course averages. Designated core classes are:

English courses — Levels I–IV, ESOL I and II, Debate III

Mathematics courses — Algebra I–II, Geometry, Precalculus, Calculus, Math Models, Statistics, and IB Math Topics

Science courses — Integrated Physics and Chemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, Astronomy, Medical Microbiology, Physics, Environmental Systems, AP Environmental Science, Advanced Animal Science, Advanced Plant and Soil Science, Food Science, and Forensic Science

Social Studies courses — World History, U.S. History, Government, Economics, World Studies, Regional Studies, IB Psychology and Global Perspectives in Society

Languages other than English — Levels I–V

How does the six-point scale calculation compare the previous year's calculation?

The calculation is exactly the same as in the previous years. TISD has chosen to move to a six-point scale representation of GPA to allow students and parents the ability to track and/or calculate their GPA more clearly. Students can use the chart located in [TISD Grading Guidelines](#) to assist with the calculation.

How will this impact my college applications?

Colleges are aware that school districts use multiple ways of reporting GPA and Class Rank. Colleges use conversion charts such as the one below to convert between GPA scales. This link provides an example of the [conversion chart](#) used by Texas Southern University.

What if my college application requires an unweighted GPA?

Students should contact their high school counselor to request their unweighted GPA. It can be provided to colleges upon request.

How does this year's rank and GPA compare to last year's calculation?

Temple ISD calculated each student's GPA and Class Rank this past summer prior to the conversion. The district conducted an internal audit to insure that the calculations between both scales were accurately correlated.