

Understanding How GPA Is Calculated in Katy ISD



This guide explains the basics of GPA in Katy ISD so students and families can understand how grades count.

1. WHAT IS GPA?



GPA stands for Grade Point Average. It shows your average grade based on the quality points you earn in each course.

2. TWO GPAs ARE REPORTED



- Unweighted GPA (4.0 scale):** Uses regular class points only.
- Weighted GPA (5.0 scale):** Gives extra points for advanced courses (AP, Pre-AP, Dual Credit, GT, etc.).

3. HOW LETTER GRADES CONVERT TO POINTS

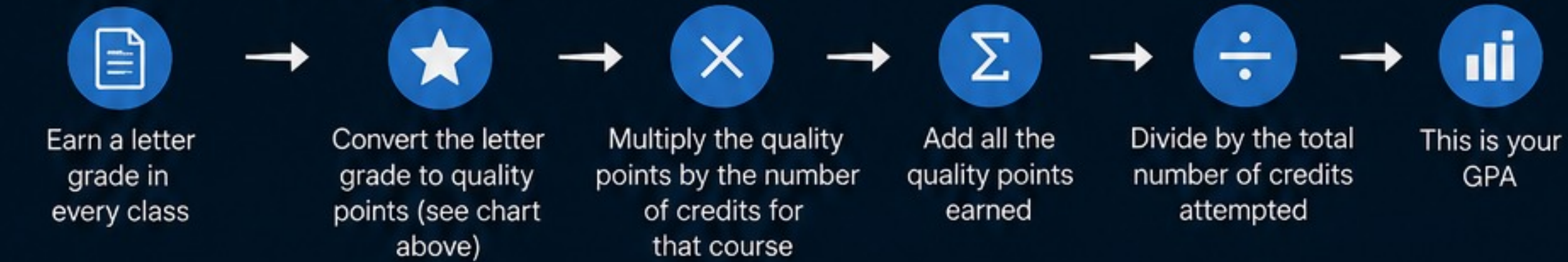
Letter Grade	Unweighted (4.0 Scale) Regular Courses	Weighted (5.0 Scale) Advanced Courses*
A (90–100)	4.0	5.0
B (80–89)	3.0	4.0
C (70–79)	2.0	3.0
D (60–69)	1.0	1.0
F (Below 60)	0	0

What counts as Advanced Courses?

- ✓ Advanced Placement (AP)
- ✓ Pre-AP
- ✓ Dual Credit (college courses taken in high school)
- ✓ GT / Honors (marked as Advanced in Katy ISD)
- ✓ IB courses

Check your transcript: courses marked “Adv” or “Advanced” receive extra quality points.

4. HOW GPA IS CALCULATED



Important: F classes earn 0 points but still count in credits attempted, which can lower your GPA.

5. EXAMPLE (SIMPLE)

Let’s say you earned these grades:

Course	Grade	Course Type	Credits	Quality Points Used
English 3	A	Regular	1.0	4.0
Algebra 2	B	Regular	1.0	3.0
AP Biology	A	Advanced (AP)	1.0	5.0
AP U.S. History	B	Advanced (AP)	1.0	4.0
Total	—	—	4.0	16.0

GPA = 16.0 quality points ÷ 4.0 credits = 4.00 (Weighted GPA)

Your Unweighted GPA using the same grades would be:
 $(4.0 + 3.0 + 4.0 + 3.0) \div 4.0 = 3.50$

6. TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR GPA



Challenge yourself with advanced courses you are ready for.



Stay consistent and keep up with assignments and tests.



Ask teachers and counselors for help when you need it.



Every grade matters—especially in 9th, 10th, and 11th grade.



Your effort today builds your future tomorrow.
Understanding GPA is the first step to reaching your goals.

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