The Board of Education acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages and class ranking for secondary school graduates, both to inform students of their relative academic placement among their peers and to provide students, prospective employers, and institutions of higher learning with a predictive device so that each student is more likely to be placed in an environment conducive to success.

The Board authorizes a system of class ranking, by grade point average, for pupils in grades nine through twelve.

A student who enters Clearview High School during the year of his/her graduation (usually twelfth grade), or who is to graduate high school in less than four years (usually from an accelerated program), shall be included in the overall ranking for that graduating class, but shall not displace or move any other student from his/her ranked position. In essence, this student shall be given the same rank place as the student who has been a member of the graduating class during previous years.

All students shall be ranked together.

In order to place more "weight" on Honors or Advanced Placement courses in Clearview High School, the following procedure will be utilized to adjust the student’s grade point average and rank for courses listed under each group level.

A. Procedure

1. Advanced Placement: All students who complete courses listed under Advanced Placement will have eight (8) additional points added to the numerical grade for that course, in accordance with the guidelines identified below.

   Beginning with the Class of 2014, all students who complete courses listed under Advanced Placement will have their final course grade calculated by a factor of 1.05, and that weighted grade will be used as the GPA (Grade Point Average) for ranking purposes only. The ranking formula is as follows:

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   \frac{\text{Grade} \times \text{factor} \times \text{potential credits}}{\text{Potential credits}} = \frac{90 \times 1.05 \times 5}{5} = 95 \text{ weighted GPA}
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2. Academically Accelerated: All students who complete courses listed under Academically Accelerated will have five (5) additional points added to the numerical grade for that course, in accordance with the guidelines identified below.

Beginning with the Class of 2014, all students who complete courses listed under Academically Accelerated will have their final course grade calculated by a factor of 1.03, and that weighted grade will be used as the GPA (Grade Point Average) for ranking purposes only. The ranking formula is as follows:

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\frac{\text{Grade} \times \text{factor} \times \text{potential credits}}{\text{Potential credits}} = \frac{90 \times 1.03 \times 5}{5} = 93 \text{ weighted GPA}
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B. Guidelines

Students will have the weighted points added to the course grades for ranking purposes only. Actual earned grades will appear on the report card and transcript.

Courses

Advanced Placement:

Advanced Placement Language and Composition
Advanced Placement Literature and Composition
Advanced Placement Calculus AB
Advanced Placement Calculus BC
Advanced Placement Statistics
Advanced Placement Biology with Lab
Advanced Placement Chemistry with Lab
Advanced Placement Physics with Lab
Advanced Placement United States History
Advanced Placement US Government & Politics
Advanced Placement Psychology
Advanced Placement Music Theory
Advanced Placement Studio Art
Advanced Placement French
Advanced Placement Spanish
Academically Accelerated:

Honors English, I, II, III, IV
Honors Algebra I, II
Honors Geometry
Honors Pre-Calculus
Honors Calculus
Honors Physical Science with Lab
Honors Biology with Lab
Honors Biology with Lab through Modeling
Honors Chemistry with Lab
Honors Chemistry with Lab through Modeling
Honors Physics with Lab
Honors Physics with Lab through Modeling
Honors Physics with Lab 9
Honors US History I, II
Honors World History
Honors Vocal Ensemble
Honors Wind Ensemble
Honors Art III, IV
Honors Spanish III, IV
Honors French III, IV
Honors German III, IV, V
Honors Latin III, IV
Engineering Design
Advanced Engineering
Architectural Design
Advanced Architecture

Class rank will be calculated by the final grade in all subjects.

For Advanced Placement and Academically Accelerated courses, the actual earned grade will appear on the Official Transcript and report card. For ranking purposes, the aforementioned formula will be utilized to determine the weighted grade that is calculated into the class rank.

Grades earned in classes not taken in Clearview Regional High School (i.e., classes taken at Gloucester County College, online courses or courses completed elsewhere) for any purpose other than credit recovery for a failed course (i.e., acceleration, enrichment, modified, scheduling options) will not be included in the calculation of class rank or cumulative GPA. Courses successfully completed for credit recovery (i.e., online
summer school or traditional summer school or alternative school) will be included in the calculation of class rank and cumulative GPA.

Any two or more students whose computed grade point averages are identical will be given the same rank. The rank of the student who immediately follows a tied position will be determined by the total number of all preceding students not by the rank of the immediately preceding student.

A student’s grade point average and rank in class will be entered on the student’s record and will be subject to Board Policy No. 8330 on the release of student’s records.

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