

Calculating the HOPE Grade Point Average

1. All Georgia high schools must send complete transcripts with all course history to the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC), who will determine HOPE Scholarship GPAs and eligibility. Local high schools do not calculate the HOPE GPA for their graduates.

2. Graduates must have a 3.0 GPA on a TRUE 4.0 scale.

3. The following will be used to convert numerical grades to a TRUE 4.0 scale:

A = 4.0 (for most schools: 90-100, but your school's scale will be used to convert)

B = 3.0 (for most schools: 80-89, but your school's scale will be used to convert)

C = 2.0 (for most schools: 70-79, but your school's scale will be used to convert)

D = 1.0 (for schools who use a D in their grading scale)

F = 0 (for most schools this is a failing grade of 69 or below)

4. The grades for ALL attempted (passed and failed) academic courses will be converted to a TRUE 4.0 scale for calculation of the HOPE GPA. The following academic courses will be counted in the HOPE GPA calculation:

- ALL English courses with course numbers beginning with 23.
- ALL Mathematics courses with course numbers beginning with 27.
- ALL Science courses beginning with 26. and 40 plus all other courses included in the Fourth Science Courses Requirement which becomes effective with FY2011-2012 graduates.
- ALL Social Studies courses beginning with 45.
- ALL Foreign Language courses beginning with 60.- 64.

5. 8th grade courses that students received credit for in Middle School, will NOT be used to calculate the HOPE GPA.

6. All grades that are weighted at the local high school level for honors, gifted, PreAP and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate will be stripped of their weights by GSFC. Weighting of grades is uniform across the State in the HOPE GPA calculation. However, local high schools can continue to add weights to grades in specific courses to calculate rank in class and determine honor graduates, valedictorian, and salutatorian.

7. GSFC adds a 0.5 quality point weight on a TRUE 4.0 scale for Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses completed June 15, 2006 or later, up to a maximum grade value of 4.0 (A Grade of A is not weighted). No other courses will be weighted by the GSFC unless authorized by the Georgia General Assembly.

8. The final HOPE GPA on a 4.0 scale will not be rounded up.

9. For information on the Zell Miller Scholarship, go to www.gafutures.org and click on HOPE & STATE AID PROGRAMS tab.

Sample 4.0 Conversions of Numerical Grades for HOPE Eligibility

Assumes Equal Credit Values for All Courses

Course Grade 4.0 Conversion

English 88 3.0

English 89 3.0

English 82 3.0

English 87 3.0

Math 85 3.0

Math 82 3.0

Math 80 3.0

Math 78 2.0

Science 89 3.0

Science 81 3.0

Science 80 3.0

Social Studies 85 3.0

Social Studies 89 3.0

Social Studies 88 3.0

Spanish 82 3.0

Spanish 88 3.0

$47 \div 16 = 2.9375$ (Final HOPE GPA)

(Not HOPE eligible)

(Required minimum of 3.0 GPA with NO Rounding up.)