

GRADING AND WEIGHTING STANDARDS

Grading Scales

High schools use one of three optional grading scales. The conversion of grades to quality points is standardized and made equivalent under each option.

Implicit in each option is a

conversion of percentage grades to letter grades according to the following scale:

93-100=A; 85-92=B; 77-84=C; 70-76=D; <69=F.

Grades and the corresponding number of quality points are shown below for each of the three options.

Option 1 - Letter Grades without Pluses and Minuses:

A=4.0 B=3.0 C=2.0 D=1.0 F=0.0 WF=0.0

Option 2 - Letter Grades with Pluses and Minuses:

A+ =4.00 A =4.00 A- =3.68

B+ =3.38 B =3.00 B- =2.68

C+ =2.38 C =2.00 C- =1.68

D+ =1.38 D =1.00 D- =1.00

F=0.00 WF=0.00

Option 3 - Percentage Grades: (Northampton uses percentages)

96-100%=4.00	91%=3.38	86%=2.75	81%=2.13	76%=1.50
95%=3.88	90%=3.25	85%=2.63	80%=2.00	75%=1.38
94%=3.75	89%=3.13	84%=2.50	79%=1.88	74%=1.25
93%=3.63	88%=3.00	83%=2.38	78%=1.75	73%=1.13
92%=3.50	87%=2.88	82%=2.25	77%=1.63	70-72%=1.00
<69%=0.00				

Courses that Are Eligible for Weights

Courses eligible for weights include 9th grade (except Algebra I) and higher level courses that fall into one of the following three categories.

1. Honors/GT sections of standard level academic courses (provided that the standard level of the course is also offered at the high school); arts courses that meet honors-level standards adopted December 1, 1994; and honors courses offered by magnet high schools. Such courses are assigned to category H, (1 point)
2. Pre-calculus (advanced mathematics 2970), non-AP/IB calculus, mathematics courses beyond the level of calculus, and foreign language courses beyond the second year level. Such courses are considered to be inherently advanced and are assigned to category H, (1 point)
3. All AP/IB and higher level college courses. (2 points)

Remedial courses and vocational courses are not eligible for weighting.