

## Transcript Grade Point Averages Oak Park High School

The GPA represents the average value of the accumulated final grades earned in courses over time. A student's GPA is calculated by adding up all accumulated final grades and dividing that figure by the number of grades awarded. This calculation results in a mathematical mean—or average—of all final grades. OPHS calculates and displays four GPA types on the senior OPHS transcripts. These GPAs are viewable for all OPHS students on Q-Connect.

- Overall Unweighted
- Overall Weighted
- CAL Grant
- UC/CSU Weighted (10-12)

**OPHS Overall Unweighted GPA** - This GPA includes all classes taken for credit in grades 9-12. This GPA is used to determine eligibility for OPHS Cum Laude Honors upon graduation. All classes taken for credit in grades 9-12 are included and calculated on a 4.00 scale. No extra weight is given for Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

**OPHS Overall Weighted GPA** - This GPA includes all classes taken for credit in grades 9-12. All OPHS Honors and Advanced Placement courses are each given an additional 1.0 point to reflect grades earned in these classes - A= 5.0, B = 4.0, C= 3.0, D = 2.0, F = 0.0.

### **UC/CSU Weighted GPA**

The UC/CSU GPA is comprised of courses taken during grades 10-12 that are certified and listed on the OPHS UC a-g Course List. This calculation does not include courses taken in ninth grade or any non-CP courses. Honors and Advanced Placement courses are each given an additional 1.0 point to reflect grades earned in these classes - A= 5.0, B = 4.0, C= 3.0, D = 2.0, F = 0.0. It should be noted that not all the OPHS Honors classes receive the UC Honors level grade point. To confirm which classes are included in the UC/CSU GPA please refer to the course list at:

<https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist/institution/2673>

Most UC campuses cap the number of AP and Honors courses at eight semesters of weighted grades that can be used in the UC GPA calculation. OPHS does not cap this GPA, so it will be recalculated by the individual UC/CSU campus when students submit their applications. For an online UC/CSU GPA calculator you can go to: <https://rogerhub.com/gpa-calculator-uc/>

### **Cal Grant GPA**

The CAL Grant GPA combined with responses on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used by the California Student Aid Commission to verify eligibility for higher education grants. The CAL Grant GPA is calculated on a 4.00 scale to two decimal places (between 0.00 and 4.00). Grades with extra weighting for honors and advanced placement classes are converted to a 4.00 scale before calculating. GPAs calculated beyond a 4.00 scale will not be accepted. The CAL Grant GPA uses all academic course work for the sophomore year, the summer following the sophomore year, the junior year, and the summer following the junior year. This GPA excludes physical education (PE) and remedial courses. For an online Cal Grant GPA calculator, you can go to:

[https://www.oakparkusd.org/cms/lib/CA01000794/Centricity/Domain/165/Cal-Grant\\_GPA\\_Calculation.pdf](https://www.oakparkusd.org/cms/lib/CA01000794/Centricity/Domain/165/Cal-Grant_GPA_Calculation.pdf)

## **College Admissions, Scholarships and the GPA**

Most colleges have their own specific GPA formula and will recalculate an applicant's grades according to those values. Some colleges may not recalculate and will rely on what the student transcript reflects. Similar to high schools, these calculations vary from college to college.

In addition, some colleges maintain automatic admission and merit scholarship GPA thresholds. This means that if students have a certain GPA, they automatically qualify for a merit scholarship or program at that particular institution. It is important to note that many colleges have moved towards a more holistic admissions process. Holistic admissions consider the whole applicant and not just numerical data such as grades and test scores. Overall rigor, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, demonstrated interest, etc. can all play an important role in the admission process.