

<u>Section I:</u> Instructional Goals and Objectives	Knox County Board of Education Policy		
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UNIFORM GRADING POLICY

The State Board of Education is authorized to develop a uniform grading system for students in grades 9-12 or any student completing a high school credit. Students who complete advanced courses are eligible for additional weighting of: 1) quality points and 2) percentage points **after a student sits for the aligned culminating exam** with one exception: senior students who have registered for an AP exam by the end of the semester will be awarded the extra percentage points. If the student does not sit for the AP exam the percentage points will be revoked.

Students completing advanced academic courses will receive the following incentives:

Quality Points

Quality points are added to the numerical quality point value corresponding to the letter grade received in the course.

- One (1) quality point shall be added to the numerical quality point value corresponding to the letter grade received in an early postsecondary course. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, industry certification, Statewide Dual Credit or Dual Enrollment: A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, F=1.
- One-half (.5) quality point shall be added to the numerical quality point value corresponding to the letter grade received for the course in an honors course: A=4.5, B=3.5, C=2.5, D=1.5, F=.5.

Percentage Points

Percentage points are additional points added on to a student’s final grade after he/she sits for the culminating exam.

- Three (3) percentage points shall be added to the grades used to calculate the semester average for an honors course.
- Four (4) percentage points shall be added to the grades used to calculate the semester average for Statewide Dual Credit Courses and Industry Certification Courses.
- Five (5) percentage points shall be added to the grades used to calculate the semester average for Advanced Placement, Cambridge International, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), and International Baccalaureate Courses.
- Knox County Schools does not award additional percentage points for Dual Enrollment Courses. Grades from dual enrollment courses are assigned by professors and not changed by KCS personnel.

Legal References:

1. T.C.A. § 49-6-407.
2. Tennessee State Board of Education, Uniform Grading Policy 3.301.

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