

WEIGHTED GRADES

It is the goal of RSU 56 to provide students with a rigorous and challenging curriculum that will allow students to achieve their full potential. To assist students in achieving this goal, the RSU offers students the opportunity to enroll in Advanced Placement and college courses that have curriculums recognized and accepted by the College Board through an advanced placement audit, state-accredited colleges, and/or state accredited technical colleges.

RSU 56's high schools recognize that the curriculums used for these advanced placement and college courses are more rigorous and places higher-level expectations on students than most other high school level courses.

A.P. courses and courses which earn college credit from an accredited college will be weighted at 1.1. Which A.P. courses are offered is at the discretion of the individual school.

Accelerated, advanced, or honors courses will be weighted at 1.05. Accelerated, advanced or honors courses may be separate, "stand alone" courses, such as calculus; they may also be an accelerated version of an existing course, such as biology, English, or algebra II. Which accelerated, advanced, or honors courses are offered is at the discretion of the individual school.

Weighted grades will be used for the purposes of calculating GPA only. GPA will then be used to determine class rank. Weighted grades will not appear on progress reports or report cards.

Each school will develop its own criteria and guidelines regarding academic accolades such as honor roll, honor students, and top ten.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 8601 et seq.

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