

Stillman Valley High School

Weighted Grades & Grading Scale Information

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, Stillman Valley High School will use a 10-point (90, 80, 70, 60, 50) grading scale for all high school courses. No grades prior to the 2015-2016 school year will be adjusted based upon this new scale. Also, the use of a weighted grading scale applicable to all Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit Courses (Including Articulated Credit) will be implemented with the incoming freshman Class of 2019 and all subsequent classes.

The decision to adopt the 10-point grading scale and implement weighted grades is the result of several months of research and input by various SVHS stakeholder groups – including students, parents, teacher leaders, administrators, and community members. A review of grading systems used by local high-performing high schools with similar demographics and nationally recognized high schools in Illinois was conducted to determine common denominators in grading scales among these prestigious schools.

The *2015-2016 SVHS Course and Career Planning Guide* as well as the *2015-2016 Parent/Student Handbook* would include updated information regarding these approved changes.

2015-2016 SVHS Grading Scale & Weighted Grades

Letter Grade	Percentage Range	GPA Awarded For All Non – AP or Dual Credit	GPA Awarded For AP/Dual Credit Courses
A	93 – 100%	4.00	5.00
A-	90 – 92%	3.70	4.75
B+	87 – 89%	3.30	4.25
B	83 – 86%	3.00	4.00
B-	80 – 82%	2.70	3.75
C+	77 – 79%	2.30	3.25
C	73 – 76%	2.00	3.00
C-	70 – 72%	1.70	2.75
D+	67 – 69%	1.30	2.25
D	63 – 66%	1.00	1.00
D-	60 – 62%	0.70	0.70
F	0 – 59%	0.00	0.00

SVHS Advanced Placement (AP Courses):

AP Art
AP English 4
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP US Government & Politics
AP US History 1
AP US History 2/3
AP World History

SVHS Dual Credit Courses:

Agriculture Business Management
Agriculture Mechanics and Technology
Animal Science
Plant Science
Horticulture Production and Management
Agriculture Metal Fabrication
Calculus w/Analytic Geometry
Elements of Statistics
Basic Horticulture
Greenhouse Production and Floral Design
Landscaping and Turf Management
Horticulture Production Management
All Eligible RVC Fall/Spring Courses (Jr./Sr. Year)

Data will be collected over a minimum of three years to determine the effectiveness of the changes.

Data analysis will potentially include:

- AP Course Requests/Enrollment Numbers
- Dual Credit Course Requests/Enrollment Numbers
- GPA averages un-weighted and weighted
- Impact on non-weighted course requests/enrollment numbers

Our 10-point grading scale and weighted grades includes:

- No Rounding of Weighted Grades
- Valedictorian and Salutatorian would be determined based upon the highest GPA (weighted or unweighted) beginning with the Class of 2019.
- The 90, 80, 70, 60, 50 grading scale will be implemented beginning with the 2015-2016 school year for all courses and all grade-levels. No retroactive process will be applied to grades earned prior to the 2015-2016 school year.
- The Weighted Grading Scale will be implemented with the Class of 2019 and all subsequent classes.

Ultimately, our goal is to provide consistent and rigorous high school programs for all students that will place them in a competitive position when seeking entrance into college, the military, or the workforce.

Thank you,

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