

The College Connection

Newsletter From the High School Counseling Office

Quotes to live by:

“If you don’t know where you are going, you’ll end up someplace else.”

~Yogi Berra

“You’re happiest while you’re making the greatest contribution.”

~Robert F. Kennedy



“Did I Make Honor Roll?” -Calculating An Average

At the high school and college levels, an average (Grade Point Average, or GPA) is calculated based on the credit value for each course. A full year course, which meets one period every day, all year, has a credit value of one. A half year course which meets every day for a half year has a credit value of .5 credit.

Likewise, a full year course which meets all year, but meets every other day, has a credit value of .5 credit.

BOCES Career and Technical Education programs carry a credit value of 4 credits, since these courses are 1/2 day programs. Weighted classes use the weighted grade in

calculating an average.

To calculate an average, each grade for each class is multiplied by the credit value of that class. These multiplied values are then added together. The sum is then divided by the total number of potential credits earned for the courses. For example:

Class	Grade	Credits	Calculation	Value
English C	87	1	87 X 1 =	87
US History	92	1	92 X 1 =	92
Psychology	89	.5	89 X .5 =	44.5
Chemistry	93	1	93 X 1 =	93
Alg II	85	1	85 X 1 =	85
PE	100	.5	100 X .5 =	50
PLTW: PoE	103.4	1	103.4 X 1 =	103.4
College Spanish	104.5	1	104.5 X 1 =	104.5
Total		7		659.4
			Divided by 7	94.2 GPA

Congratulations! High Honor Roll

Honor Roll = Overall average of 85 or higher and no grade below 70

High Honor Roll = Overall average of 90 or higher and no grade below 70

Superintendent’s List = Overall average of 95 or higher, no grade below 70