

2008-2009 Township High School District 214 Report Card

Course Load

A full-time student is enrolled in six credit-bearing periods or an equivalent class schedule. While a student may enroll in a seventh credit-bearing period, enrollment in an eighth-credit bearing period requires the permission of the principal/designee or alternative program director. Students enrolled in less than six credit-bearing periods are considered part-time students, unless a decreased course load is stipulated in the student's IEP.

Explanation of Grades

Grades of A, B, C, D, P (Pass), and E (Effort) will result in credit earned in a course. Grades F (Failing), WF (Withdrawn Failing), and NC (No Credit) will result in no credit being earned in a course. The grade of I (Incomplete/In Progress) is a temporary grade that awards no credit and must be changed to another letter grade when the course is completed. AT (Audit) indicates participation in the course for no credit consideration. AU (Audit) indicates insufficient seat time to earn a grade. W (Withdrawn) is recorded when a student drops a course after the end of the 4th week but before the end of the 12th week (or its equivalent at WHS). WF (Withdrawn Failing) is recorded when, for any reason, the administration drops a student from a course before the 12th week of the semester. If the administration drops a student any time after the end of the 12th week, a grade of F will be reported on the student's transcript. WF and F grades are included in computing grade point average and negatively impact honor roll eligibility. The RE grade is issued when a student repeats a course for a higher grade. This grade is a place holder, it receives no credit or grade point value, but will impact honor roll status and can affect the original awarding of the academic achievement point. The LC grade carries no credit, weight, points, nor stigma and does not affect honor roll eligibility unless the student falls below full-time status.

Grade Point Values

Grade	Advanced Placement	Honors	General Education	Preparatory
A	6	5.5	5	4.5
B	5	4.5	4	3.5
C	4	3.5	3	2.5
D	3	2.5	2	1.5
E	1	1.0	1	1.0
F	0	0.0	0	0.0

Academic Achievement Points

District 214 increases the weighted grade points of any student who earns more than the required full time status number of units each semester (excluding summer school). One-half academic achievement point is added to the weighted grade points of a student for successfully completing seven courses or an equivalent class schedule in any fall or spring semester (maximum of one-half academic achievement point per semester). Academic achievement points are added to a student's weighted grade points before the weighted grade point average and weighted class rank are computed.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

Two grade point averages are computed and recorded on report cards and transcripts. The Weighted GPA is computed by dividing the sum of the weighted grade points and academic achievement points by the number of credits attempted. The Non-Weighted GPA is computed by dividing the sum of non-weighted grade points (A=5, B=4, etc.) by the number of credits attempted. Grades earned in physical education and driver education do not count in calculating either GPA. Grade point averages are rounded to the nearest hundredth.

Honor Rolls

The district compiles honor rolls in January and June to recognize the achievement of students. Students are placed on the "A" Honor Roll if they are full-time students, have a term grade point average in January and/or June of at least 4.50, and have no final letter grade lower than a "B" or its equivalent in AP courses. Students are placed on the "B" Honor Roll if they are full-time students, have a term grade point average in January and/or June of at least 4.0, but less than 4.50, and have no final letter grade lower than a "C" (no equivalence to AP). A semester grade of "D" in any course taken for graded credit makes a student ineligible for either honor roll. Students who earn credit by independent study, proficiency, correspondence, and accredited on-line learning options are eligible for honor roll providing they meet all other criteria for honor roll eligibility.

A student is ineligible for honor roll status if he/she is not a full-time student, has a final grade in January or June of "D", "E", "F", "NC", "WF", "I", "AU" or is missing a grade in any credit-bearing course.

The school uses the higher of the student's two grade point averages (weighted and non-weighted) to determine honor roll status. Please be advised that physical education and driver education courses are not calculated into a student's GPA.

Honor Roll Awards

Schools provide special recognition for students who have been on the "A" or "B" honor roll for four and seven consecutive semesters.

Honor Graduates

Students receive a special recognition at graduation for their academic achievement based upon their cumulative grade point average.

Recognition	Cumulative GPA
Highest Honors	5.20+
High Honors	5.00 – 5.19
Honors	4.80 – 4.99

The school uses the higher of the student's two grade point averages (weighted and non-weighted) to identify honor graduates. A student's GPA is rounded to the nearest hundredth to determine his/her eligibility for recognition.