

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Those students enrolled in an Advanced Placement and/or International Baccalaureate course, in order to receive a weighted grade, will be required to take the Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam. Beginning in the 2004-05 school year, the School Board will reimburse students for the cost of all Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams on which the student scores a "3" or better. If the student chooses not to take the exam, the class grade will be calculated on a regular four-point scale.

For the purpose of calculating grades on student transcripts at mid-term, the weighted grade will be given for the first semester provided the student has signed up for the exam. If, however, a student signs up for and does not take the exam, then the weighted semester grade will be changed to a four point and his/her GPA and grade point will be recalculated.

Provided, however, that in the event that a student is unable to take the exam on a regularly-scheduled date, or scheduled make-up or alternative date, due to circumstances beyond his/her control, including, but without limitation, the inability to take the exam due to a physical or mental illness or disability, documented by a physician's excuse, death in the immediate family, and/or other exceptional circumstance, then the superintendent at his or her discretion may waive the requirement of the exam on a case-by-case basis.

This policy, however, shall be effective only in those years in which the School Board gives budget approval for the expenditure of sufficient funds to pay the required enrollment fee for taking the exam for all students taking the Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate examinations.

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