

## Grade Scale, Weighting, GPA and Class Rank

### GPA AND GRADE SCALE:

Grade point average (GPA) is calculated using the final grades in all courses completed. While grades for remedial courses are included in the GPA, grades for new credit courses taken during summer school, through virtual schools or through a third party provider are not. Transfer grades from other schools are converted into the Northern Valley grading scale and included where possible; otherwise, they are awarded P or F based on passing or failing status of each course. These do not calculate into the GPA.

GRADE SCALE			
LETTER GRADE	PERCENT RANGE	GPA VALUE	AP/HONORS GPA VALUE
A+	(98-100)	4.4	5.4
A	(92-97)	4.0	5.0
A-	(90-91)	3.6	4.6
B+	(88-89)	3.4	4.4
B	(82-87)	3.0	4.0
B-	(80-81)	2.6	3.6
C+	(78-79)	2.4	3.4
C	(72-77)	2.0	3.0
C-	(70-71)	1.6	2.6
D	(60-69)	1.2	2.2
F	(below 60)	0.0	0.0

Official GPA is calculated at the conclusion of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> semesters. Final letter grades are converted to the 4.0 scale (see table).

A weighted value of 1 is added for grades earned in Honors and Advanced Placement courses. For example, a grade of 'B' earned in English 2 Honors or AP US History is calculated as a 4.0 for GPA calculation purposes.

In the 7<sup>th</sup> semester, the GPA values for courses in progress are multiplied by half of the potential credits. For example, a course bearing 1.0 potential credit has a credit value of .5 for GPA calculation purposes.

Each eligible course's GPA value is multiplied by the credits earned (half credits for courses in progress 7<sup>th</sup> semester) to determine quality points. GPA value is the total quality points earned divided by total credits attempted (half credits for courses in progress 7<sup>th</sup> semester).

### CLASS RANK:

The academic environment at Northern Valley is very challenging, and the majority of our students earn exemplary grades. Comparisons among students inherent in class rank unnecessarily increase competition among students. Further, we believe that our students' levels of achievement are not equitably or fully communicated by this single statistic. **Therefore, beginning with the class of 2017 Northern Valley will no longer publish class rank.**

The three students earning the highest seventh semester GPAs will be designated valedictorian, salutatorian and class essayist. Only students who have concluded two, full, consecutive years at Northern Valley by seventh semester will be considered for these graduation distinctions.