

QUALITY POINT SCALE/COURSE LEVELS

Saints Peter and Paul High School offers college preparatory courses at three distinct academic levels: **Academic**, **Honors**, and **Advanced Placement**. Each course level is designed to challenge the student appropriate to his or her academic strengths and learning styles. Also, each course level attempts to maximize the student's ability at any level, assessing them through an array of learning experiences.

The academic year is divided into four marking periods. Grades are reported on quarterly, semester and final reports and transcripts as the *unweighted*, numerical average. Grade point averages (GPA) may be either *unweighted* or *weighted* according to the level of course difficulty. The baseline for an *unweighted* GPA is a 4.0 (Academic courses). Honors and Advanced Placement courses are given additional weight toward GPA.

Quality points are assigned to each final grade in a course for the purpose of calculating a GPA. For the purpose of weighted GPAs, Honors and Advanced Placement courses are assigned additional quality points, befitting the increasing academic difficulty of the course. Saints Peter and Paul High School uses a multiplier of quality points depending on the course level. Honors courses are weighted with a multiplier of 1.25 and Advanced Placement courses with a multiplier of 1.50. The current Saints Peter and Paul's baseline Quality Point Scale is as follows:

<i>Numerical Grade</i>	<i>Quality Points</i>	<i>Letter Grade Equivalent</i>
93-100	4.00	A
90-92	3.75	A-
87-89	3.50	B+
83-86	3.00	B
80-82	2.75	B-
77-79	2.50	C+
73-76	2.00	C
70-72	1.75	C-
68-69	1.50	D+
65-67	1.00	D
64 and below	0	F

The student Grade Point Average (GPA) is determined only by those courses taken at or approved by Saints Peter and Paul High School. Those courses taken as original outside credit, transferred from other institutions, or remediated failures will be listed on the transcript with the grade and source of course, but will not count toward the Saints Peter and Paul High School GPA.

Academic (ACA) – This is the baseline course in all disciplines. These courses are designed to prepare students for college work stressing strong foundational development. They are assigned grades on a four-point scale with no additional weighting.

Honors (HON) – Honors classes are designed for those students who have demonstrated prior academic success, who learn more quickly, and enjoy the challenge of delving into subject matter in a more comprehensive manner. Students are challenged to work independently and are held to higher academic standards. Admission into Honors level courses is dependent upon previous academic aptitude and departmental recommendations.

Advanced Placement (AP) – These courses are designed for students who wish to compete for college credit based on their work at Saints Peter and Paul High School. In some disciplines, Advanced Placement courses may substitute for the Academic or Honors course (i.e. U.S. History, United States Government, and British Literature). In others, they are a second year course in the discipline (i.e. Chemistry and Biology). The coursework is extremely rigorous and all students must take the College Board's Advanced Placement Examination in the course at the end of the year. These tests are graded on a five-point scale (five being the highest) and only students who achieve a three or higher are generally considered by colleges for the award of college credit. Admission into Advanced Placement courses is dependent upon previous academic aptitude and departmental recommendations.