

General Information

Grade-Point Values: All courses taught for credit in Prince William County Public Schools are assigned grade-point values as follows:

Grade	Point Value For Courses	Point Value For Courses Designated As Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Cambridge, And Certain Career And Technical Education Courses	Point Value For Designated Prerequisite Courses
A	4 points (90-100)	5 points (90-100)	4.5 points (90-100)
B+	3.4 points (87-89)	4.4 points (87-89)	3.9 points (87-89)
B	3 points (80-86)	4 points (80-86)	3.5 points (80-86)
C+	2.4 points (77-79)	3.4 points (77-79)	2.9 points (77-79)
C	2 points (70-76)	3 points (70-76)	2.5 points (70-76)
D+	1.4 points (67-69)	1.4 points (67-69)	1.4 points (67-69)
D	1 point (60-66)	1 point (60-66)	1 point (60-66)
F	0 points (59 and below)	0 points (59 and below)	0 points (59 and below)

When students successfully complete courses identified as ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade courses prior to entering ninth grade, they will receive standard units of credit toward graduation. Such courses will be used in computing the student's high school GPA. Weighted grade points are used to encourage students to take more challenging course work with less risk to their report card grades. Students and their families should note that colleges and universities routinely remove weighted credits to better compare applicants' performance in rigorous courses across school divisions where weighting practices vary.
(See paragraph below)

Omitting a Grade for a High School Credit Taken in Middle School

The Regulations Establishing Standards of Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia have provided families with the option of requesting that grades be omitted from a student's transcript for any high school credit-bearing course taken in middle school. Requests to have a high school credit-bearing course grade removed from a student's transcript must be submitted using the form available in the counseling office or on the school Web site to the appropriate principal before the deadlines established by the School Division. Families who elect to have a grade removed from the transcript should be aware that the decision to have the grade removed is binding and that no grade or associated credit will be awarded for the course once the request has been granted.

Schedule Changes

Each high school sets their own schoolwide schedule change procedures and guidelines. Students must comply with the schedule change process established at their school. Should a student elect to change a class, the following rules will apply:

- Students who drop a year-long course before the end of the first quarter or before the end of the first four weeks for a semester based course, shall not have the attempt recorded on their transcript.
- Students who drop a year-long course after the end of the first quarter or after the end of the first four weeks

for semester based course, shall receive no credit and a notation shall be made on the student's transcript indicating withdraw failing or withdraw passing.

- Students who drop a year-long course after the end of the first semester or after the end of the first quarter for semester based courses, shall receive no credit and a failing grade for the course.
- The principal (or designee) may, in extenuating circumstances relating to a student's health or well-being, make an exception to the regulation governing the procedures for dropping a course.
- If a student moves from one level to another level of the same course, the grades earned in the initial course will transfer to the second course. This rule applies even in those cases where the student is moving from an advanced level course to a lower level course within the same subject (e.g., Pre-AP English 9 to English 9).

Graduation Requirements and Diploma Options

The Virginia Board of Education sets forth requirements for students associated with the year the student entered ninth grade for the first time. The diploma options available to students can be found, organized by the year the student entered ninth grade for the first time, on the following pages. Students will meet with their school counselor each year to update their individual graduation plan and diploma type.