

GRADING AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Examinations

Semester examinations are required at the end of each semester, normally in January for first semester and June for second semester. These exams will count up to one-fifth (20%) of the semester grade.

Report of Student Achievement

The secondary school report card will be distributed to parents at the end of each marking period. The use of plus (+) and minus (-) signs with the grade is authorized but does not increase or decrease the value of the grade when the grade point average (GPA) is computed. Whenever appropriate, a progress report will be sent to parents in the middle of each marking period. However, this notice may be sent at any time during the marking period if the situation warrants. Progress reports may be sent electronically. It is strongly recommended that parents share in the responsibility for their children's education by monitoring their academic progress on a regular basis. The use of GradeSpeed by both parents and students will allow constant and timely monitoring of grades/assignments in all classes. (Initial registration for and use of GradeSpeed will be explained at Open House. Assistance may also be sought from the school Educational Technologist.) Frequent parental contacts with the school are encouraged.

The computation of grades is determined as follows:

- A - Excellent 90-100
- B - Good 80-89
- C - Average 70-79
- D - Passing 60-69
- E - Effort
- I - Incomplete None
- F - Failure Below 60
- P - Pass (Pass/Fail Course)

Minimum Requirements for Graduation

- Students graduating from SHAPE High School must adhere to the DoDDS requirement of 26 Carnegie Units **and**
 - are required to have a minimum cumulative 2.0 grade point average for all credits taken during grades 9-12.
 - Two years of the same second (foreign) language are required.
 - Eighth grade students enrolled in some high school level courses (foreign language and math only) may receive credits toward graduation.
- Please **see a Guidance Counselor for course selection** to meet DoDDS requirements.

REQUIRED	Units for DoDDS Graduation	Units recommended for college prep
Language Arts	4	4
Mathematics	4**	4
Social Studies	3	4
Science	3	4
Career and Technical Education	2	2
Fine Arts	1	1
Physical Education	1.5	1.5
Health Education	.5	.5
Foreign Language	2	3
Electives	5	5
Total	26	29

****The total number of math credits increases to 4 for students graduating in 2016 and beyond.**

Non-weighted Points	Weighted Points
A = 4	A = 5
B = 3	B = 4
C = 2	C = 3
D = 1	D = 2
F = 0	F = 0

Grade Point Averages (GPA) and class rankings are determined by using weighted and non-weighted grades. Weighted grades are given, by DoDDS regulation, for Advanced Placement courses only when the student completes the AP exam. If a student takes an AP course, but not the exam, the final course grade will not be weighted. Weighted grades from classes completed in non-DoDDS schools are not accepted except for AP classes. DoDDS transcripts indicate weighted classes with an asterisk.

Pass/Fail Grades: Under special conditions and on a case-by-case basis, Pass/Fail (P/F) grades may be an option for some students and some courses. P/F grades are not utilized when GPAs and class rankings are calculated.