

HOPE GPA Calculation and Eligibility for Scholarship -- Current Method Versus 2007 Method

	Current Method	2007 Method*
High School Reports to GSFC	Student GPAs Only	A Complete Transcript with Course History
HOPE Grade Eligibility Determined By	Local High School	Georgia Student Finance Commission
Nominal Standard for Eligibility		
College Preparatory	3.0 on a 4.0 scale or 80 on a numerical scale	3.0 on a true 4.0 scale -- no numerical standard
Other Diploma Types	3.2 on a 4.0 scale or 85 on a numerical scale	3.2 on a true 4.0 scale -- no numerical standard
Academic Credits Counted in Calculation		
English	4 Highest Graded Credits	All Credits Attempted
Mathematics	4 Highest Graded Credits	All Credits Attempted
Science	3 Highest Graded Credits	All Credits Attempted
Social Studies	3 Highest Graded Credits	All Credits Attempted
Foreign Language (College Prep Only)	2 Highest Graded Credits	All Credits Attempted
Courses Weighted in GPA Calculation	Any May be Weighted (Local Discretion)	Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Only
Weighting Done By	Local High School or School System	Georgia Student Finance Commission
Value of Weights	Locally Determined	Uniform Across the State

*Applies to all Georgia High School Graduates who Begin Their College Careers on or After May 1, 2007, Regardless of Previous Eligibility Determinations
Those Enrolled and Attending a College Prior to May 1, 2007 are Subject to the Current High School Eligibility Standard

The Statute Governing this Process, §20-2-157 O.C.G.A., May be Viewed at: http://www.legis.state.ga.us/cgi-bin/gl_codes_detail.pl?code=20-2-157