

5.21—ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Students who take advanced placement (AP) courses or concurrent credit college courses, or other courses approved for weighted credit by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) shall be graded according to the following schedule.

A = 100 – 90
B = 89 – 80
C = 79 – 70
D = 69-60
F = 59 and below

For the purpose of determining grade point averages, the numeric value of each letter grade shall be

A = 5 points
B = 4 points
C = 3 points
D = 2 point
F = 0 points

For a student to be eligible to receive weighted credit for an AP course,

- The course must be taught by an Arkansas licensed teacher who has received the appropriate training required by Arkansas statute and DESE Rule or, for an AP teacher, is in the process of completing an Additional Training Plan; and
- The student takes the applicable AP or IB examination after completing the entire course. Credit shall be given for each grading period during the course of the year, but shall be retroactively removed from a student's grade for any course in which the student fails to take the applicable exam. Students who do not take the applicable exam shall receive the same numeric value for the grade he/she receives in the course as if it were a non-AP or IB course.

Students who transfer into the district will be given weighted credit for the Advanced Placement (AP) courses approved by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) according to the preceding scale.

Legal References: Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Rules and Regulations Governing Uniform Grading Scales for Public Secondary Schools
 A.C.A. § 6-15-902(c)(1)

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