

HARDY COUNTY FILE: IDG

HONORS/W EIGHTED GRADING

All classes designated as weighted shall have the final grade credited with one additional quality point, i.e. A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2.

It is recognized that certain classes may be eligible for weighted status. In determining such classes the following procedure shall be followed.

A) Criteria: Information shall be submitted by the teacher(s) of the classes that are to be considered for Honors/Weighted credit and shall meet the following criteria:

- 1) They shall serve as above and beyond the minimum requirements for a diploma.
- 2) Level of difficulty shall be established as that of a level greater than regular classes.
- 3) They should be determined as meeting an advanced level of the course of study. A comprehensive semester and final exam shall be required.
- 4) There should be evidence of additional and/or out-of-class demands.
- 5) Complete course syllabus will be available for review. Such syllabus shall include course description, major objectives, and expected results from students.

B) Once determination has been made that a class shall be submitted for consideration for weighting, it shall be required that documentation of the achievement of the above criteria be submitted, at which time such class shall be submitted to the Weighted Class Review Committee. This committee shall be composed of representatives from both high schools and should include the following: Principal and/or designee, secondary Guidance Counselor, and two subject area teachers from each school, selected by the school Curriculum Committee. One shall represent the same discipline field as that of the submitting teacher, and one representing a different discipline field where weighted classes already exist, and the County Instruction Coordinator. Such request for consideration of weighted classes shall be made prior to establishing the following year master schedule to give sufficient time for course outlines and scheduling.

- 1) Classes identified as Independent Study that are listed as being approved for weighted grading, as a general rule, shall not be granted a weighted status. In the event that it is determined by the student and teacher that

such consideration should be given, information can be forwarded to the Honors/Weighted Class Review Committee for consideration, along with appropriate documentation/evidence of the effort being put forth to ensure that such Independent Study shall meet the full criteria and expectations of other weighted classes.

- 2) Students taking college level or AP classes within the regular school program shall receive the single quality point weighting. Such weighting shall be granted if the classes meet the requirements for graduation.
- 3) Additional weighted quality points cannot be used to satisfy requirements for extracurricular or athletic eligibility for activities sanctioned by the WVSSA.
- 4) Out-of-county transfer students shall have their transcripts evaluated. Weighting shall be recognized, and recomputed, for Hardy County Schools GPA purposes. Credit shall only be given for those classes that can be found to meet, or exceed, those recognized as Honors/Weighted by Hardy County Schools.
- 5) Beginning with the 2000-2001 term all classes shall be reviewed to determine eligibility of continuing weighted status.

SOURCE: Board of Education Minutes

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