



ACADEMIC SPORTS LEAGUE

• Grade Point Average Guidelines •

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GRADE POINT AVERAGE DEFINITIONS

Honor:	4.00 - 3.75
Scholastic:	3.74 - 3.00
Varsity:	2.99 - 0.00

COMPUTATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGES (as printed on the AD® website)

Teams must consist of full-time students from the ninth through twelfth grades of the same high school. A full-time student is defined as a student who is enrolled in four or more class periods per day.

Contestants may compete in a higher division than their own grade point average category but NOT in a lower division.

If a student does not have a transcript for a given year(s) or was a home-schooled student, that student must be given an “A” for the four core subjects of math, English, science, and social studies and will consequently be in the honors division for that year. Please mark the gpa computation form accordingly.

⇒ The “focus semesters” for GPA computation go back two years prior to the present grade level of the contestant with the exception of 9th grade, which only goes back one previous year. If the contestant is a twelfth grader in September of the competition year, then the semesters that are used for GPA computation are all of the tenth grade, all of the eleventh grade, and the summer sessions between tenth and eleventh grades and between eleventh and twelfth grades. Likewise, if the contestant is a tenth grader in the fall, the focus period for GPA computations includes all of the eighth grade, all of the ninth grade, and the summer sessions between eighth and ninth grades and between ninth and tenth grades. If the contestant is a ninth grader in the fall, the focus period for GPA computations includes all of the eighth grade and the summer sessions between eighth and ninth grades. Regardless of the system used to determine a GPA locally, these criteria must be followed to ensure uniformity and equity among all participants.

Grades for courses shall be used in GPA computations for competition purposes if the courses focus more than 50% of the time on understanding ideas, concepts, and theories of a specific discipline and the assessments are objective in nature. Grades for courses that directly deal with the theoretical content covered in the Academic Decathlon curriculum and competitive events should be included in GPA computations. **However, a grade for a course focused specifically on ASL or Academic Decathlon should NOT be included in GPA computation.**

Grades for courses shall NOT be used in GPA computations for competition purposes if they are hands-on, performance-based, skills type, non-book, lab-based, or more than 50% of course time is spent in service learning or internship. The skills that are developed in these courses tend to be more technical/vocational and the majority of student's grade in these is subjective in nature.

For all alpha grades, all A's will count as 4.0, all B's will count as 3.0, all C's will count as 2.0, and all D's will count at 1.0. Anything below D will count as 0 points. When numerical grades appear on the transcript in place of alpha grades, they shall be converted to alpha grades according to the official conversion scale that appears on the school's official transcript or in the school's official profile.

The GPA for each student shall be calculated by dividing total points by total credit hours for the focus semesters. The total points shall include the alpha grade points multiplied by the credit hours. Unless a school's curriculum defines the specific credit hours earned by a course, credit hours shall be determined as 1.00 credit hours for a full year grade, 0.50 credit hours for a half year grade, 1/3 credit hours for a trimester grade, and 0.25 credit hours for a quarter year grade.

If a student receives a fail in any academic course, the F is counted in averaging the student's grades even though no credit is given. When a course has been failed prior to the focus period for which the GPA is being computed but repeated during that period, only the repeat grade is counted. When a course is fail and repeated during the focus semesters, both grades will be counted in the GPA.

Incomplete or pass/fail grades are not included in computing the GPA unless the student received an F that appears on the transcript.

Community college or other college courses are included in the GPA only if high school credit is given and the course is listed on the official school transcript.

A grade, regardless of whether it is advanced placement, honors, regular, or remedial classification, will count the face value of the final grade as reflected on the official transcript. No weighting of grades for honors classes will be allowed, even if this is the local district policy. The letter grade shown on the transcript will be used in computing GPA regardless of any plus or minus.

VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

Each team coach is responsible to submit for each student a completed GPA Computation Form with official transcripts attached. **The transcripts MUST be originals, have the school seal and/or stamp, and be signed by your principal. DO NOT FAX transcripts!!** Please plan accordingly so that your mailed materials arrive on time. The competition official will review the transcripts and notify the team coaches if there are any discrepancies.

If the competition official finds that a participant or a team coach submitted false information, the competition official shall declare the participant ineligible for one year. Any contests in which the disqualified student competed in shall be forfeited for that current year.