

MESSALONSKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (MSAD 47)

File: IKC

CLASS RANKINGS

For the purpose of determining each student's relative academic standing, a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) is computed for all students, Grades 9-12, at Messalonskee High School. GPAs are computed using the following system:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Point Equivalent</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Point Equivalent</u>
A+	4.33	C+	2.33
A	4.00	C	2.00
A-	3.67	C-	1.67
B+	3.33	D+	1.00
B	3.00	D	1.00
B-	2.67	D-	0.67
		F	0.00

Courses are generally assigned a weight of 1. Thus, when computing the GPA for a B+ in Western World Studies or Home Economics I, the computation is: $3.33 \times 1 = 3.33$. Certain courses, due to the rigor of the curriculum, are given greater weight.

Honors courses carry a weight of 1.2, while Honors/Advanced Placement Option and Advanced Placement courses are weighted at 1.25. As an example, a B+ grade in Lab Chemistry is computed as follows: $3.33 \times 1.2 = 3.996$. The same grade earned in Advanced Placement English is computed as $3.33 \times 1.25 = 4.163$.

To be included in the class rankings or honor roll, a student must be enrolled in a course of study which would enable the student to fulfill all requirements as listed under core requirements in Policy File: IKF, Graduation Requirements.

The responsibility for computing the cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) and the resulting class rankings rests with the Guidance Department and the administration. Post-secondary institutions considering Messalonskee High School students for admission are to be advised about the school's method of computing GPA and class rankings.

For the purposes of class rankings, courses taken at Colby College, Thomas College, or the University of Maine at Augusta are not included in the computations for grade point average.

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MESSALONSKEE HIGH SCHOOL

WEIGHTED COURSES

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
English	Honors	1.2
Lab Chemistry	Honors	1.2
Lab Physics	Honors	1.2
Advanced Biology	Honors/Advanced Placement Option	1.25
Calculus	Honors/Advanced Placement Option	1.25
English	Advanced Placement	1.25
United States History I	Advanced Placement	1.25
United States History II	Advanced Placement	1.25

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