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is our collective responsibility."



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Dear Parent/Guardians:

Recent clarification of state legislation for schools requires us to make a change in our grading scale. **All students who have received an A in a College Credit Plus course or AP course will have that weighed as a 5.3, rather than a 5.0.** This is the only change, but we anticipate that it might raise some questions:

Why is this change necessary? State legislation requires us to weight courses taught at the high school equally with corresponding college courses. For example, a student who takes a high school AP Literature and Composition course (a high school course that is weighted) and earns the top grade of A+ cannot earn more points in his/her GPA than a student who takes a college Composition course and earns the top grade of A. It is important to understand that our college partners do not award A+ grades.

Why not just make the grade A+ if the student has 97-100% in a college course? State law additionally states that the grade on the high school transcript and the college transcript must MATCH. If the college grade is an A, the high school transcript must also show an A.

When will the change take effect? Transcripts for current students have been updated to reflect the change. All Ohio schools have been mandated to correct the weighting for current students retroactively to 2015-2016 when College Credit Plus went into effect.

Will my child's A+ grades be changed to A's? NO! All A+ grades will continue to print on the transcript, and the grading scale that show 98-100% = A+, 92-97%=A, 90-91%=A-, etc. will continue to print on the transcript. The change will be reflected in the student's cumulative GPA only. Visually, it is still advantageous to have A+ grades. Numerically, legislation causes us to *value* A and A+ grades equally.

Where can I see my child's transcript? Mr. Yeager has paper copies of each student's transcript and will be distributing them during his class. Additionally, you are always welcome to email Mrs. Clark and request a copy to be emailed to you. Her email address is tclark@heath.k12.oh.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Holbrook".

Kelly Holbrook
Assistant Superintendent

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kat Fields".

Kat Fields
High School Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Clark".

Tara Clark
High School Counselor