

## **Freshman Post Graduation Counseling Intro**

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<u>Letter Grade</u>	Point Value (on 4.0 Scale)
А	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
В	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
С	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
D-	.7
F	0

## **How to Calculate Your Unweighted GPA:**

- Determine the point value of each of your grades.
- Add all of the point values together.
- Divide that sum by the number of classes you are taking.

## **Important GPA Benchmarks:**

- A cumulative GPA below 2.5 greatly diminishes your chances of being accepted into college.
- Many scholarships consider 3.0 to be a cutoff for awards.
- A cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 greatly increases your chances of being accepted into more competitive programs.
- A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher is ideal for receiving scholarships and being accepted into highly competitive programs.



## **Tips for Freshmen**

- Cumulative GPA starts in your Freshman year!
- If you fail a class required for graduation, you will have to take it again.
- Having to retake core classes will limit your schedule options and restrict you from study halls and/or elective choices.
- Colleges are putting less emphasis on the SAT/ACT.
- Good study skill habits are important to develop early on in your academic career.