

GRADES

CITIZENSHIP GRADES

S = Satisfactory

N = Needs Improvement

U = Unacceptable

Grades of S, N, and U will be assigned to report on student behavior. Students with a pattern of citizenship grades below satisfactory will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including probation or dismissal from honor societies or elected office, and school probation, as well as dismissal from school.

Academic Grades

Grades are not an end in themselves but are useful as a means of communication from the school. The extra points added for honors, dual enrollment, and Advanced Placement classes are for grades 9–12. The grade scale for students in 6–12 will be as follows:

	Grade Scale	Unweighted	Weighted	Honors/Dual	AP
A+	98–100	4.00	4.67	+ .5 / credit	+1 / credit
A	93–97	4.00	4.33	+ .5 / credit	+1 / credit
A-	90–92	4.00	4.00	+ .5 / credit	+1 / credit
B+	87–89	3.00	3.67	+ .5 / credit	+1 / credit
B	83–86	3.00	3.33	+ .5 / credit	+1 / credit
B-	80–82	3.00	3.00	+ .5 / credit	+1 / credit
C+	77–79	2.00	2.67	+ .5 / credit	+1 / credit
C	73–76	2.00	2.33	+ .5 / credit	+1 / credit
C-	70–72	2.00	2.00	+ .5 / credit	+1 / credit
D	65–69	1.00	1.00	0	0
F	64 & below	0	0	0	0

REPORT PERIODS

Every nine weeks (quarterly) a report card is issued for each student. Report cards are posted in FACTS SIS (Family Portal).

SEMESTER AVERAGES

Each quarter grade counts 40%, and the semester examination counts 20%.

Examples of calculation (2 ways to calculate the same thing):

1Q	89%	(B+)	1Q	89	(B+)	x	40%	=	35.6
1Q	89%	(B+)	2Q	92	(A-)	x	40%	=	36.8
2Q	92%	(A-)	exam	60	(F)	x	20%	=	12
2Q	92%	(A-)							
exam	60%	(F)							
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									35.6 + 36.8 + 12 = 84.4% (B)
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									422 ÷ 5 = 84.4% = 84% (B)

YEARLY AVERAGES

Yearly averages determine the credit earned and quality points received and are the only grades that appear on the permanent transcript. Each semester grade counts 50%.

Example:

1 Sem	89%	(B+)
2 Sem	68%	(D)
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157 ÷ 2 = 78.5 = 79% (C+)		

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

A student's grade point average (GPA) begins to accumulate with the ninth grade year.

Students in grades 9–12 may review their GPAs in the school counseling office and in Scoir. GPAs will change twice per year, in January and in May, after grades have been finalized for each semester. Please allow the counseling office sufficient time after report cards are issued to post GPAs.

Harding calculates two GPAs for each student, a weighted and an unweighted (see p 21). Both GPAs are listed on the Harding transcript.

Grades shown in FACTS SIS (Family Portal) and on permanent transcripts are the percentage grades received in the class. No weighting or extra quality points affect the grades shown in FACTS SIS or on transcripts.

When a student earns a C– or better for the semester, honors classes (taken in grades 9–12 only) carry an additional ½ point for each credit, and AP classes carry one additional point for each credit. These extra points go into the weighted cumulative GPA. The actual grade earned in the class appears on report cards and transcripts, however.

Because there is not a standard honors curriculum used by all schools, when a student transfers into Harding and his transcript shows honors classes, the additional ½ point will be added to those classes at the discretion of the principal. AP classes that are transferred will earn the extra point, even if they are not offered at Harding, because AP curriculum is standardized by the College Board.