



Baldwin High School

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September 1, 2023

Dear Baldwin Families,

Beginning in the 2023-24 school year for incoming 9th grade (Class of 2027) students, we will be updating our course weighting procedures and policies.

Course	New Weighting Factor	Course	Previous Weighting Factor
Advanced Placement	0.1	Advanced Placement	0.01
Honors	0.01	Honors	0.01
Dual Enrollment/College	0.01	Dual Enrollment/College	0
Regents	0	Regents	0.005
Other Indicated Courses	0	Other Indicated Courses	0

The purpose of instituting this change is to further support one of our Board of Education priorities of continuing to build a forward thinking, progressive school system that offers challenging educational program tailored to meet individual student needs. This change will also further enhance our rigorous Advance Placement and Dual Enrollment/College courses. Our strong participation in these level of courses is one of the factors that designates us a one of the best high schools in the nation. Additionally, our Dual Enrollment College courses have grown considerably, specifically in our Academy program where the culminating courses are college level. Making this change will bolster the success of our Academies, and provide equitable opportunities for our students.

Weighting Regents courses is no longer practical as all students are expected to graduate with a Regents diploma. This weighting existed due to previous NYS graduation requirements allowing students to graduate with a non-Regents diploma, an option no longer available to NYS students.

The first class that this change will affect will be the incoming 9th grade class of 2027, allowing current students to finish their high school courses under the existing weighting procedures.

How Ranking is Determined

The quality point (QP) is defined as the product of final grade (N) obtained in the course, the number of credits (C) designated for the course and the weighting factor (W) for that course as indicated above.

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$$QP = (N) \times (C) \times (W)$$

Ranking is determined at the end of six semesters (grades 9-11). The total number of the quality points for all courses included in the ranking would then be added on to the student's unweighted average. It is this unweighted average plus the total number of quality points which are used to determine rank in class.

We are always strive to provide our students with the best possible opportunities for success in their high school years and beyond. This will serve as another means to ensure the best for the children in the Baldwin community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Testa', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Neil J. Testa, Ed. D.

Principal

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