Weighted Grades

High schools that give weighted grades for their advanced levels of courses may request that those courses be weighted as part of the initial-eligibility process. Here is a summary of the NCAA requirements (see NCAA Bylaw 14.3.1.2.6) for adding weighted grades to a high school’s list of NCAA courses:

The weighting is based on the current high school policy; therefore, the school must provide specific documents to verify its weighting policies. (See the Resources page on eligibilitycenter.org for details.) The course must be considered core per NCAA legislation.

NCAA legislation allows a maximum of one quality point above an unweighted college preparatory scale. Both IB and AP courses may be weighted if they are on the high school’s list of NCAA-approved courses; however, please refer to the IB and AP websites for the current list of courses that are offered. Please note: not all IB and AP courses meet the NCAA legislation for a core course. For example, although an Advanced Placement course, AP Music Theory, is a Fine Arts course, it is not core per NCAA legislation.

To determine whether a high school has communicated its weighted grades to the NCAA Eligibility Center, look to the school’s list of NCAA courses. The weighted grade matrix will appear on the list itself, and the courses that receive weight will be marked in the “weight” column. Archived grading scales are available on the Member Institution Portal when looking up a prospective student-athlete’s high school.

For any questions, please call the NCAA Customer Service Center’s membership phone number.