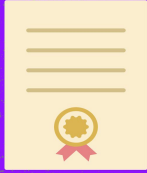




# Western's Weekly Workshops



## The One About GPAS



What is a GPA? What does my transcript look like? How do I calculate/predict what my GPA might be when I graduate? What does it take to get into NHS? To graduate with Honors? To get into the college I am thinking of? This week's workshop is all about your GPA! All your questions about credits, transcripts, calculations, and more will be answered!

Wednesday the 11th      During Flex

Sign up with your Flex Teacher or your Counselor

# The One About GPAs

WHS Counseling Department

# Unpack Your Transcript

- Picture
- Test Scores
- Class History - notice semester only
- UIC
- GPA & Rank
- Parchment - when you are a senior, you will receive an account to request transcripts

# How is a GPA Calculated?

- Let's practice one together!

## Grades/Grade Changes

The following grading scale is used to calculate a student's cumulative grade point average:

A = 4.0	(100 – 93 %)	C = 2.0	(76 - 73%)
A- = 3.7	(92 – 90%)	C- = 1.7	(72 - 70%)
B+ = 3.4	(89 – 87%)	D+ = 1.4	(69 - 67%)
B = 3.0	(86 – 83%)	D = 1.0	(66 - 63%)
B- = 2.7	(82 – 80%)	D- = .7	(62 - 60%)
C+ = 2.4	(79 – 77%)	F = 0	(59% and below)

# GPA and Honors

Students who maintain a grade point average of 3.4 or above through the first semester of the senior year will graduate with HONORS. These students will be eligible to wear honor cords at graduation activities. They will be recognized in the commencement and honor recognition programs. Honors will be denoted as follows:

3.4 - 3.59-point average:	HONORS
3.6 - 3.79-point average:	HIGH HONORS
3.8 - 4.0 point average:	HIGHEST HONORS

# Online GPA Calculators

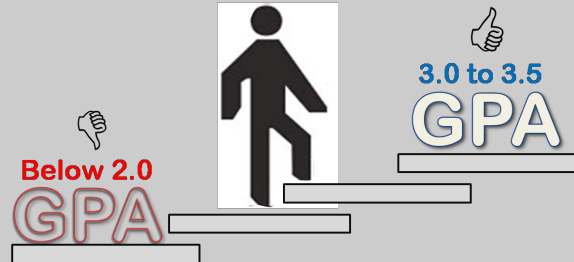
- <https://gpacalculator.net/high-school-gpa-calculator/>
- <https://gpacalculator.io/high-school-gpa-calculator/>
- <https://www.koofers.com/gpa-calculator>
- <https://www.chegg.com/homework-help/gpa-calculator/>

## WHS: Unweighted GPA

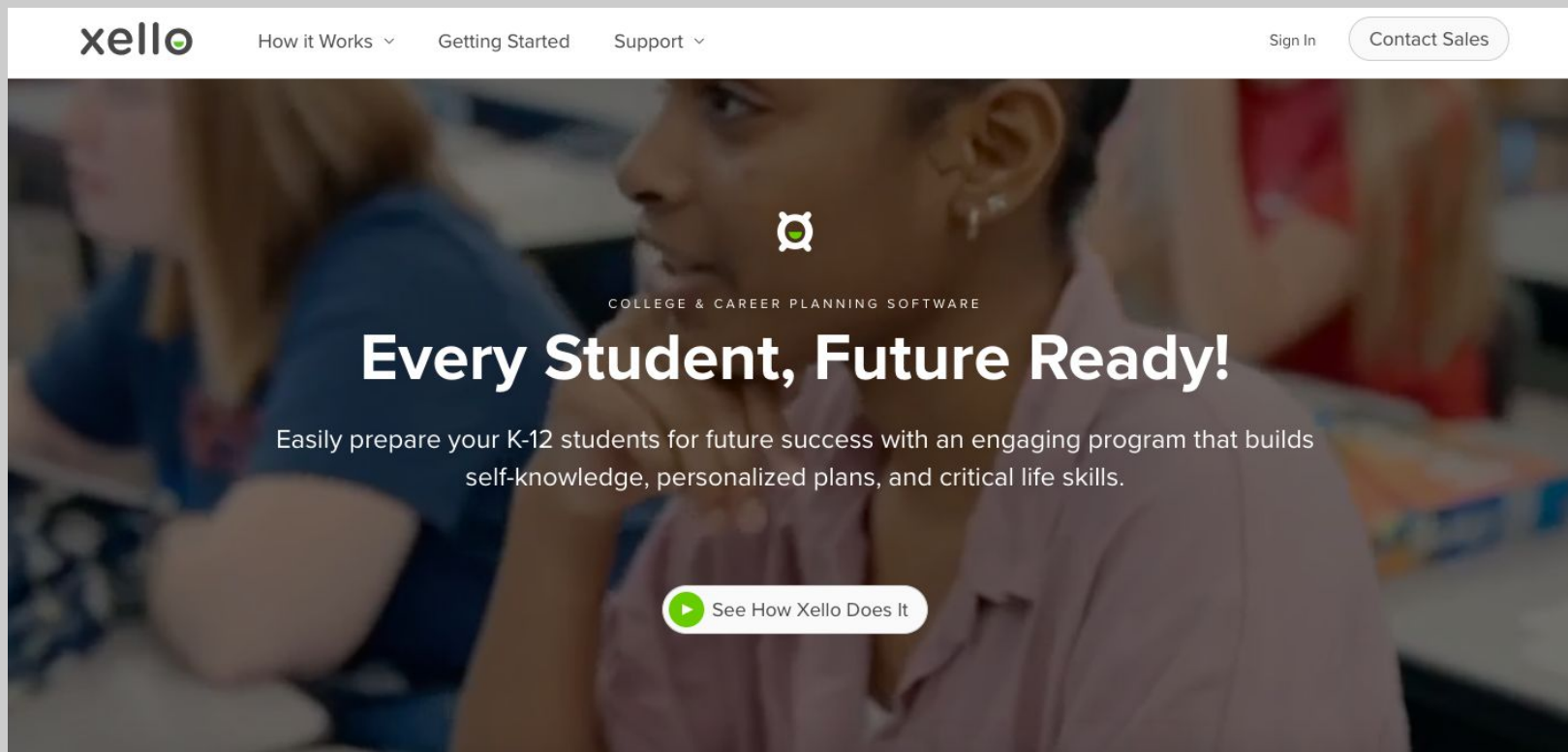
- What does this mean? Weighted v. Unweighted GPA
- What if a school asks for Core Classes only?
- NCAA GPA Calculator
  - <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/grade-point-average>

# How to Improve Your GPA

- Understand how your teachers grades are calculated
  - Ex: Summative grades (80%) vs. Formative grades (20%)
  - Varies by department - check with your teachers!!
- Even if it does not count for a grade, **DO YOUR HOMEWORK**
- Know what is going to be on the test & what kind of questions (multiple choice, essay, etc.) - ask if you are unsure!
- *Absolute last resort -- you can retake classes for a better grade*
  - Cautions: NCAA might not accept (online classes)
  - Recommend taking during the summer or on your own time



# Using XELLO for College Searches



The image shows a screenshot of the Xello website homepage. The background is a blurred photograph of a young woman in a classroom, looking thoughtful with her hand on her chin. The website layout includes a white navigation bar at the top with the Xello logo on the left and links for 'How it Works', 'Getting Started', and 'Support' in the center. On the right side of the navigation bar are 'Sign In' and a 'Contact Sales' button. Below the navigation bar, the Xello logo is centered, followed by the text 'COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING SOFTWARE'. The main headline reads 'Every Student, Future Ready!' in large white font. Below the headline is a sub-headline: 'Easily prepare your K-12 students for future success with an engaging program that builds self-knowledge, personalized plans, and critical life skills.' At the bottom center, there is a white button with a green play icon and the text 'See How Xello Does It'.

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## Colleges in Michigan: GPA & SAT Tiers

GPA Averages of college freshman class based on information found on institutions' websites. Average SAT is estimated based on ACT information on institutions' websites and converted through The College Board's concordance chart. To verify information is accurate, contact the admissions office.

*Open Admissions	Avg. GPA 2.5-2.8 Avg. SAT 860-1010	2.8-3.2 940-1120	3.3-3.5 1060-1230	3.5-3.8 1130-1380	3.8-4.0 1350-1600
<p>Community Colleges No minimum GPA &amp; ACT requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alpena CC</li> <li>Baker College</li> <li>Bay College</li> <li>Delta College</li> <li>Glen Oaks CC</li> <li>Gogebic CC</li> <li>Grand Rapids CC</li> <li>Henry Ford CC</li> <li>Jackson CC</li> <li>Kalamazoo Valley CC</li> <li>Kellogg CC</li> <li>Kirtland CC</li> <li>Lake Michigan College</li> <li>Lansing CC</li> <li>Macomb CC</li> <li>Mid-Michigan CC</li> <li>Monroe County CC</li> <li>Mott CC</li> <li>Muskegon CC</li> <li>North Central Michigan College</li> <li>Northwestern Michigan College</li> <li>Oakland CC</li> <li>Schoolcraft College</li> <li>Southwestern Michigan College</li> <li>St. Clair County CC</li> <li>Washtenaw CC</li> <li>Wayne County CC</li> <li>West Shore CC</li> </ul>	    	            	           	      	  



# College Admissions: It's not just about grades!

- Top Factors:
  - GPA
  - Grades in college prep classes
  - SAT / ACT scores
  - Strength of the curriculum --- how hard are the classes you are taking?
  - College essays and letters of recommendation
  - Extracurricular Activities / Community Service



# Tell Us Your Thoughts

