

Cal Grant GPA Calculation Instructions

There are four categories of GPAs used for Cal Grant award selection - High School, College, Regular Community College and Reestablished Community College.

High School GPA

A high school GPA is calculated on a 4.00 scale to two decimal places (between 0.00 and 4.00). Do not use a weighted scale. Convert any grades with extra weighting for honors and advanced placement classes to a 4.00 scale before calculating the GPA. GPAs calculated beyond a 4.00 scale will not be accepted.

For students who have not yet graduated high school, calculate the GPA using all academic course work for the sophomore year, the summer following the sophomore year, the junior year, and the summer following the junior year. The high school GPA excludes physical education (PE), Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), and remedial courses. Remedial work is defined as any course that is not counted toward high school graduation. Failing grades must be included in the GPA calculation unless the course has been retaken.

GPAs for "accelerated" high school juniors graduating in spring should be calculated using academic course work earned during the student's sophomore year and the summer following the sophomore year, as well as all course work completed in the junior year by the time of certification.

For students who are out of high school but have not earned sufficient college level units to allow calculation of either a college GPA or reestablished GPA or as explained below, the GPA must be calculated from high school course work earned from the student's sophomore year onward, regardless of whether the student graduated. Competitive Cal Grant awards can be made to students who have not graduated high school.

Regular California Community College GPA

For purposes of computing a community college GPA for a Cal Grant award, "nontransferable units" and "courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree" mean all courses except "Associate Degree Credit Courses" as defined by Title 5, Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 55002(a) of the California Code of Regulations.

Reestablished Community College GPA

A reestablished community college GPA is calculated on at least 16 but less than 24 semester units or the equivalent. For any Cal Grant deadline, a school may submit either a reestablished GPA or a "regular" community college GPA calculated on at least 24 semester units, or the equivalent. A reestablished GPA is good only for Competitive Cal Grant B consideration.

Only a California Community College may submit a reestablished GPA.

College GPA

A college GPA is calculated on all college work completed, except for nontransferable units and courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree. The definition of the phrases "all college work completed" and "nontransferable units" and "courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree" are described below. A college GPA or a community college GPA must be computed for a minimum of 24 semester units or its equivalent regardless of the grades received. The phrase "all college work completed" includes all coursework for which grades are known to the official reporting the GPA and that are accepted for credit at the school reporting the GPA. Failing grades must be included.

College GPA - Baccalaureate Degree Granting Institution

For purposes of computing a college GPA by an institution that grants a baccalaureate degree, "nontransferable units" and "courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree" are those courses which do not earn credit for a baccalaureate degree from the reporting institution.

College GPA - Associate Degree Granting Institution

For purposes of computing a college grade point average by a postsecondary institution that grants an associate degree, "nontransferable units" and "courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree" are those courses which do not earn credit for an associate degree at the reporting institution.

College GPA - Non-degree Granting Institution

For purposes of computing a college GPA by a postsecondary institution that does not grant a baccalaureate or an associate degree:

(A) "nontransferable units" are those units which are not used in satisfying requirements for earning a baccalaureate degree from a California public institution of higher education that grants such a degree;

(B) "courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree" are any courses for which the earned grade is not used in the computation of a GPA in determining admission eligibility, whether or not units earned for the course are transferable to such an institution.

If the GPA is based on college units, and is not a reestablished GPA as described above, do not fill in any bubble.