

High School Terminology

CREDITS: 5 credits are given for each semester class taken and passed with a grade of A, B, C, D or P.

CREDIT SUMMARY: During the spring semester, the counselors evaluate each student's credit standing. A general rule for normal progress through High School would require the completion of 55 credits at the end of each school year. Parents can check on Infinite Campus to see if there are any deficiencies that need to be made up.

GRADES: A = Outstanding Achievement
B = Good Achievement
C = Acceptable Achievement
D = Minimum Achievement
F = Failure/Unsatisfactory Achievement
I = Incomplete (Missing work or tests usually due to illness)
NM = No Mark (No credit given)
P or Cr = Pass/Credit

REPEATED COURSES: Students repeating a course in which they earned a D grade or better do not receive additional credit.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA): An average of all grades earned in a semester will receive the following: A = 4 points, B = 3 points, C = 2 points, D = 1 point, F = 0 points.



ADVANCED PLACEMENT: A system by which college freshmen may bypass entry-level courses by proving that they have already taken the equivalent in High School. College credit may be awarded if a student earns a certain grade on a specially designed College Board exam at the conclusion of an AP course. AP courses receive weighted grade credit. (A=5, B=4, C=3). In order to verify the specific score requirement for colleges visit College Board's website at www.collegeboard.com.

HONORS COURSES: Demanding advanced academic courses which receive grades weighted A=5, B=4, and C=3. The UC system assigns extra grade points for up to four honors and AP courses taken in the last three years of high school.

CUMULATIVE GPA: An average of all grade points earned to date in high school.

PERMANENT RECORD: Each student has a permanent record indicating the following:

1. All courses taken
2. Grades earned
3. State Algebra Requirement
4. Credits earned
5. Dates completed
6. Class ranking (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th)
7. Grade point average (GPA)
8. Testing results (SAT, ACT, CAHSEE, STAR, AP, PSAT)

The permanent record is updated at the end of each semester.

This record is also called a Transcript and is sent to colleges or another high school should the student move.

PROGRESS REPORTS: At the end of the 1st five weeks of school, the 3rd five weeks of school, the 5th five weeks of school and at the end of the 7th five weeks of school, grades for students are submitted by teachers. This gives the student and parent an opportunity to review the student's progress at this time. Teachers are very willing to confer with parents and students. Contact the teacher directly via email through Hart High School's website.

REPORT CARDS: Four report cards are issued each school year.

First semester:	October - Quarter grades <i>For information; not recorded on permanent record cards</i>
	December - Final semester grades <i>Recorded on permanent report cards</i>
Second semester:	March - Quarter grades <i>For information; not recorded on permanent record cards</i>
	May/June - Final semester grades <i>Recorded on permanent record cards</i>

DUAL CREDIT: Students attending the William S. Hart Union High School District may, upon recommendation of the principal of the school that the student attends and with parental consent, attend a community college as a special part-time student to undertake one or more courses of instruction offered at

the community college. All Hart District students are eligible to enroll in the College of the Canyon's course work.

At College of the Canyons credit earned may satisfy High School graduation requirements in three ways:

- a. Elective credit
- b. Elective credit within a required subject area
- c. Specific subject matter course requirements.

The student is responsible for all college fees, supplies and transportation as well as requesting transcripts to be sent to the home high school.

SCHOOL YEAR: Composed of two semesters - Fall and Spring

SEMESTER: A half-year; can refer to either Fall (1st semester) or Spring (2nd semester).

CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION: CSF is both a service and an honor society. Outstanding students are acknowledged for their achievements. Membership is for one semester and is based on your grades from the previous semester. To become a member, you must submit an application for each semester you are eligible.

To secure eligibility for membership, a student must earn sufficient points from the recently revised, CSF established course lists I, II and III.

NON-CREDIT ELECTIVE COURSES: Students taking a course for no credit must have counselor's approval each semester by the close of the 6th week of classes.

COURSE PLACEMENT APPEALS: Students have the right to appeal a course prerequisite or teacher recommendation to the Principal.