WEIGHTED GRADING AND CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGES

The Torrington Board of Education (the "Board") recognizes the importance of parents and students understanding the manner in which grade point averages are calculated within the Torrington Public Schools (the "District"). In accordance with Connecticut law, this policy shall explain the manner in which grade point averages are calculated within the District.

I.   Calculation of Grade Point Average and Class Rank Percentile for Purposes of the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program

The Board understands its obligation under state law to identify students in the District who are eligible for the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program ("CAAP").

In accordance with state law, for each student who completes eleventh grade, the District will: (1) calculate a grade point average using the standardized method established by the Board of Regents for Higher Education ("BOR") for purposes of the CAAP ("CAAP GPA"), and (2) determine whether such student's class rank percentile is above or below the minimum established by the BOR. The District shall share a student's CAAP GPA and whether the student is above or below the minimum class rank percentile for the CAAP with the student, the student's parent or guardian, the Connecticut State Department of Education ("CSDE"), and, upon request, a participating institution for purposes of applying to such institution under the CAAP.

The District shall notify each student enrolled in the student's final year of high school, and the parent or guardian of such student, whether the student may be admitted to at least one participating institution under the CAAP based on the academic threshold established by such institution.

The District shall calculate each student's CAAP GPA, identify institutions to which students are eligible for automatic admission under the CAAP, and generate student letters in accordance with guidance issued by the CSDE, as such guidance may be amended from time to time.

The District shall not publish or provide a class ranking for any student or publish on a student's transcript the student's CAAP GPA or whether such student is above or below the minimum class rank percentile established by the BOR for purposes of the CAAP.

II. Calculation of Grade Point Averages and Class Percentile Rank For All Other Purposes

The Board believes that, due to the rigorous nature of certain classes the grades earned in such classes deserve additional weight for purposes of calculating grade point average and determining class rank. These rigorous classes include the following honors classes, advanced placement classes, dual enrollment, dual credit or early college. Therefore, it is the policy of the Board to grant grades earned in such courses additional weight for the aforementioned purposes.

For all purposes other than qualifying students for the CAAP, a student's grade point average shall be calculated in the following manner:

Course identification numbers are used to determine weight differentials for grade point averages. Grades in courses ending in 08 will be weighted and multiplied by a factor of 1.08 (Advanced Placement and College Courses). Grades in courses ending in 06 will be weighted and multiplied by a factor of 1.06 (Honors). Grades in courses ending in 04 will be weighted and multiplied by a factor of 1.04 (College Preparatory).

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for implementing this policy and developing procedures in furtherance of this policy, if necessary.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-220g

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-220q

Connecticut General Statutes § 10a-11h

Connecticut State Department of Education, *Information and Resources to Support Connecticut School for the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program (CAAP),* available at https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Performance/Information-and-Resources-to-Support-Connecticut-Schools-for-CT-Automatic-Admissions-Program

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