



# GARDEN SCHOOL

Jackson Heights, New York

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## GRADING SYSTEM

The following is an explanation of the grading system used at Garden School:

Grade	GPA Index	Numeric Equivalent	Effort Grade
A	4.0	93 and above	4- Excellent effort
A-	3.7	90-92	3- Good effort
B+	3.3	87-89	2- Fair effort
B	3.0	83-86	1- Poor effort
B-	2.7	80-82	
C+	2.3	77-79	
C	2.0	73-76	
C-	1.7	70-72	
D	1.0	65-69	
F	0	Less than 65	

Grades in Honors or Advanced Placement courses will receive a weighted value of the next higher grade when computed in the Grade Point Average (GPA) if the grade is B- or above.

For example: A= 4.0 changes to 4.3    A- =3.7 changes to 4.0    B+= 3.3 changes to 3.7

Grades in Honors or AP courses below B- carry the usual index values. This computation is used during the year for honor roll and the final grade is considered for the year-end GPA.

### Advanced courses considered for extra credit are:

Math 7H	Geometry H (Gr.9)	AP English	AP American History
Math 8H (Alg.I)	Int.Alg./Trig. H (Gr.10)	AP French	AP European History
Precalculus H (Gr.11)	AP Calculus	AP Spanish	Political Philosophy (H)
AP Biology	AP Statistics	American History (H)	

Garden's grading system (Grades 4-12) is based on a school year comprised of two marking periods per semester and two semesters per year. Formal examinations for grades 7-12 are given in January and June. Only classes taken in grades 9-12 are included in the computation of the GPA for college applications.

Grades are recorded on report cards four times each year. The report cards often include teacher comments. Report cards are sent home with the student for the first three marking periods. The final report card is mailed to the student's home after all school responsibilities have been met.

Interim and progress reports, including teacher comments, are recorded by the faculty and mailed to the parents of Upper Division students during each marking period. Telephone calls are made and conferences are held when considered necessary by teachers and parents.



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## Honors and High Honors

Recognition for **high honors** is earned when the student's GPA is 3.7 or above in the 5 major academic subjects, with no grade below B. Recognition for **honors** is earned when the student's GPA is 3.3 in the 5 major academic subjects, with no grade below B-.

## Computing the GPA for High Honors and Honors

Convert the 5 major academic subject grades to the equivalent GPA index. Add the indices (remembering to give one step-up for each qualified Honors or AP class) and divide by five\* This unrounded index must be 3.7 or above for high honors and 3.3 or above for honors.

Example:

A	=	4.0	
A -	=	3.7	
A -	=	3.7	18.7 divided by 5 = 3.74 = High honors
A	=	4.0	
B+	=	3.3	
		18.7	

\*In the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, writing skills is included as a ½ credit major subject in computing the GPA average (divide by 5.5).

## Important Academic Information

A student who fails the second semester of a full year course will fail the course for the year.

A student who earns a GPA of 1.0 or less for the school year may not return to Garden the following year.

A student who fails three academic courses for the year may not return to Garden the following year.

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