

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

No: 214.1

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: WEIGHTED COURSE CREDIT

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214.1 – WEIGHTED COURSE CREDIT	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board acknowledges that students are entitled to receive a greater amount of credit for satisfactory completion of Advanced Placement and/or Honors courses.</p>
2. Definition	<p>An Advanced Placement (AP)/CHS course is defined as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Any course offered through the College Board as an Advanced Placement course, and2. A course where a teacher must satisfactorily complete initial training and attend subsequent conferences to teach Advanced Placement courses. <p>An Honors course is defined as a course so designated within Shaler Area, and which meets the stated objectives.</p>
3. Authority	<p>The Board directs that the instructional program of this District shall include a system for awarding credit to pupils for satisfactory completion of Advanced Placement CHS, and Honors Weighted courses.</p>
4. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the awarding of weighted credits to pupils for satisfactory completion of Advanced Placement, CHS and Honors courses, which include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Enrollment in AP Courses, CHS and some Honors Classes enables students to be able to participate in a national/standardized end-of-course exam scored by the agency creating the course. Students enrolled in such courses are strongly encouraged to take these national exams so they can experience the full effect of the college-level course they have just experienced. (For example, the AP exams are prepared and scored by the College Board. Several <i>College in the High School Courses</i> have a standardized exam prepared and administered by that organization).2. The national/standardized exam will be administered according to the rules and regulations of the agency preparing and scoring the exam. Make-up tests will be permitted by the Shaler Area School District in accordance with the rules and regulations of the agency preparing and scoring the exam. Students are responsible for any fees related to these national exams.3. Students shall receive a course multiplier worth a weighted credit of 1.35 for enrollment in AP, CHS and 1.17 for Honors courses as outlined in Shaler Area School District Course Description Book published each year.