

5.21 -- Grade Point Average

Beginning with the graduating class of 2013-2014, all courses counted toward the required credits of the diploma will be included in the Grade Point Average (GPA) calculation.

Van Buren School District utilizes two ranking methods for GPA as defined below:

- Rank One is the calculation of GPA mandated by the Arkansas Department of Education and college reporting. This method uses a 4.0 credit for all courses except those Advanced Placement (AP) courses weighted on the 5.0 scale. Local credits are not included in the Rank One GPA.
- Rank Two is the calculation of GPA for local purposes only. This method uses a weighted rank of 5 for AP, Concurrent Credit and Engineering* courses and 4.5 for Pre-AP courses to determine class rank. Local credits are included in the Rank Two GPA.

Courses not counting for credit will not be counted in the GPA.

Credit Recovery

Credit Recovery is the repeating of a credit that was failed or for which a student received NC (no credit). Students must get principal approval for credit recovery. Credit recovery is pass/fail and is not included in the GPA.

*Students must complete the entire Engineering course of study to receive weighted credit.

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