

## ACTIVITY – Compute Grade Point Average

**Background:** The higher a student's GPA, the more opportunities he or she will have for college admission and scholarships. Many scholarships require a high school GPA of at least 3.0. The California State Universities will admit most students who have completed the required high school courses with a GPA of at least 3.0, no matter what their SAT or ACT score.

In high school, well-prepared students may choose to take Honors and Advanced Placement Courses, which are more rigorous and require more work from the students. Because of that, an extra grade point is granted for those courses.

**Resources:** Ask students to bring in their last semester report card. A calculator would help with the calculation of the GPA.

**Activity:**

- Ask student to use the hand out to calculate their GPA.
- Ask them to think about whether their GPA was higher or lower than they thought it would be.
- Discuss ways to earn good grades and why that is important even before they start high school.

## Computing Your Grade Point Average (GPA)

Use semester grades in all classes for your LAUSD GPA. When you are in high school, use only semester grades in A - G courses (the courses required for college admission).

Grade	# of semester courses	Grade Points	Total
A		x 4	
B		x 3	
C		x 2	
D		x 1	
F		x 0	

**Total Courses** \_\_\_\_\_ **Subtotal of points:** \_\_\_\_\_

number of Honors/AP courses: \_\_\_\_\_ x 1 = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL POINTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Divide the total points by the total courses = your GPA: \_\_\_\_\_