



PARKVIEW  
BAPTIST SCHOOL

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# GRADING SYSTEM

## Grades TK-1

Students in grades TK-1 will receive the following grades for all subjects: S, N, and U.

## Grade 2

Students in grade 2 will receive letter grades of A, B, C, D, and F for the following subjects: reading, math, English, spelling and conduct.

Students will receive grades in Bible, P.E., music, art, handwriting, and foreign language as follows:

S – Satisfactory N - Needs Improvement U - Unsatisfactory

## Grades 3-4

Students in grades 3-4 will receive letter grades of A, B, C, D, and F for the following subjects: reading, math, English, science, social studies, spelling and conduct.

Students will receive grades in Bible, P.E., music, art, handwriting, and foreign language as follows: S – Satisfactory N - Needs Improvement U – Unsatisfactory. A plus or minus may be used at the discretion of each teacher.

## Grades 5-8

Students in grades 5-8 will begin to take midterm and final exams. In an effort to be developmentally responsive to students, exams will be phased in during fifth through eighth grade as follows:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Exams</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Fifth Grade	Math English	Not weighted
Sixth Grade	Math English	20% of the semester grade
Seventh and Eighth Grade	Math English Science	20% of the semester grade

## ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

### Principal's List

Students in grades 9-12 receiving a 4.0 for an academic semester will be placed on the Principal's List. Students in grades 5-8 earning all A's for the nine weeks and semester will be placed on the Principal's List.

### Honor Roll

Students in grades 9-12 with a 3.5 to 3.99 for an academic semester will be placed on the Honor Roll. Students 5-8 with a 3.5 to 3.99 for an academic semester and with no semester grade below B- will be placed on the Honor Roll.

### Merit List

Students in grades 9-12 with a 3.0 to 3.49 GPA for an academic semester will be placed on the Merit List. Students in grades 5-8 with a 3.0 to 3.49 GPA for an academic semester and with no semester grade below B- will be placed on the Merit List.

### Academic Excellence

Students in grades 2-4 with all A's in the academic subjects and conduct will receive this award.

### Honor Roll

Students in grades 2-4 with no grade lower than a B in the academic subjects and in conduct will be placed on the Honor Roll.

*A grade of U in any nine-week reporting period will prevent a child from being on the **Academic Excellence** or **Honor Roll**.*

## AWARDING CREDIT

### High School

Credit is allocated on the following basis:

The student must earn a semester grade or full grade of 60 or above in order to receive credit for the course. A semester course earns 1/2 unit of credit and a yearlong course earns one unit of credit.

The following is the policy for earning credit in a full year course that has been failed the first or second semester:

If the first semester is failed, the student must make a 70 or higher the second semester to receive credit for the year. If the student makes below a 70 the second semester, there are two options open:

1. Attend summer school and repeat the semester failed. If the grade earned is a D or higher, then credit will be received for the year.
2. If the student does not attend summer school, then the failed course (both semesters) has to be repeated the next school year.

If the student passes the first semester but fails the second semester, the following options are open:

1. Attend summer school and repeat the semester failed. If the grade earned is a D or higher, then credit will be received for the year.
2. If the student does not attend summer school, then the failed course (both semesters) has to be repeated the next school year.

If both semesters are failed, the following options exist:

1. Repeat both semesters in summer school.
2. If the student does not attend summer school, then the failed course (both semesters) has to be repeated the next school year.

## **PROMOTION POLICY**

### **Grades K - 1**

A conference will be held with parents prior to the end of the year. Factors such as personal development, maturity, reading readiness, and number readiness will be discussed. At this time a decision will be made as to whether or not the child would profit by repeating the grade. The Division Head will make the final decision.

### **Grades 2 and 3**

A student will repeat if there has been failure (meaning that the report card will reflect a grade of F for at least two nine-week periods of reading or mathematics).

### **Grade 4**

A student will repeat if there has been failure of two major subjects. (Major subjects include reading, English, math, social studies, and science.) Failure will mean having a semester average below 60, below a 1.0 on a 4.0 scale, or failing the last two nine-weeks. 18

### Grades 5-8

Middle School courses are evaluated on a yearly basis rather than by semester. A student will repeat if there has been failure of two core subjects or one core subject and two other courses. English, mathematics, social studies, and science are considered core subjects. Failure means having a semester average below 60, having below a 1.0 on a 4.0 scale, or failing any two nine-weeks.

### High School

Failure to meet course requirements will result in failure of the course.

## SUMMER SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

If an elementary student fails reading or math, summer remedial tutoring approved by the Division Head must be completed to advance to the next grade.

Middle school students who failed a core subject **must** attend an academic summer program approved by the administration. Any student with an average below a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale may be required to attend an academic summer program approved by the administration.

High school students who failed courses that are **required for graduation** may make arrangements to attend summer school upon approval from the counselor's office. This allows those students to graduate with their class and allows the students to use the school year to take the required courses for their grade level. Only two courses may be taken during summer school to remove deficiencies. Summer school cannot be used to retake passed courses to improve a student's grade-point average, or to skip a required PBS course.

## INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSES

Independent study courses are intended for students in grades 11th and 12th that need to make up failed courses or who would like to supplement or develop a stronger foundation in subjects in which they are deficient. A failed course must be taken the summer following the failure. Independent Study Courses taken for enrichment or supplement will count only as electives towards graduation. A student may take only two such courses during the 11th and/or 12th grade(s).

Students who transfer to PBS who need courses for graduation that cannot be taken because of schedule conflicts or a course not being offered may enroll in independent study courses to meet the graduation requirements. Approval must be obtained from the Division Head to enroll in independent study courses, along with a parent/guardian request. Independent study courses may only be taken from a Louisiana State Department of Education approved institute.

### Seniors

If a senior does not pass all the courses and therefore does not have enough credits to graduate with his class he may make up a failed course through the independent study program in the summer.

Expenses for independent study courses will be the responsibility of the student and the parent/guardian.

[Click here for Middle School Course Offerings](#)

[Click here for High School Course Offerings](#)

## HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Transfer students may be given partial waiver on Parkview Baptist High School graduation requirements that exceed state requirements as determined by the High School Division Head.

Seniors scheduled to graduate who do not meet the criteria of the Parkview Baptist School diploma are required to report to the counselor's office by January 30 to review the discrepancies in their program and make suitable arrangements for make-up of missing courses. Students who choose not to follow these guidelines will not be permitted to graduate from PBS.

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR DIPLOMA**

Full participation in the graduation ceremony at PBS school is a privilege and not a right for the individual student and his/her parents. All graduates are required to participate.

The privilege of graduating with one's class on graduation day is governed by the following principles:

1. Successful completion of the course of studies required by the State of Louisiana;
2. Successful completion of the course of studies as required by the PBS School Board;
3. Certification by the PBS High School Division Head as having followed the rules and regulations of the school to such a degree that the student is worthy of the privilege of being an active participant in the graduation ceremony.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The student must meet all three requirements before he/she is allowed to participate in the ceremony.

These rules and regulations specifically include the section on suspension and dismissal as found in the student handbook; however, other breaches of rules and regulations may be considered by the administration before bestowing on the student the privilege of graduation participation.

## **EARLY GRADUATION**

Parkview Baptist High School does not permit students to graduate early by taking courses in summer school or by independent study.

## **DETERMINING HONOR RANKING FOR GRADUATION**

For graduation only, honor graduates will be determined by assigning quality points as follows for classes officially designated as honors or AP:

A-5, B-4, C-3, D-2, F-0

All students graduating with a 3.75 grade point average (weighted or unweighted) or above will be designated as honor graduates. PBS will accept honors and AP credits only from schools that are state approved and accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation association comparable to SACS or ACSI. Should a transferring honors or AP course not be taught at PBS, it 29

will not be considered or assigned additional quality points when determining valedictorian, salutatorian, or honor graduates.

## **VALEDICTORIAN / SALUTATORIAN**

Only for the purpose of determining the valedictorian and salutatorian will the following calculation be used:

Candidates must be in attendance at PBS their entire sophomore, junior and senior years.

A weighted GPA from the following PBS core courses will be used in making this calculation (18.5 total units).

English I, II, III, IV

Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Math I, Calculus

Biology I, Chemistry I, Physics, Science Elective

World History, American History, Civics, World Geography

Religion I, II, III, IV

Foreign Language – Best two-year grades from the same language.

Quality points assigned to semester letter grades are as follows:

A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1, F-0

Additional quality points will be added to each semester letter grade of the core courses only as follows:

Honors Course 1.0, AP Course 1.5, A+ .25

Quality points will be deducted from each semester letter grade lower than an A earned in all other non-core courses listed on the candidate's transcript as follows:

B-1, C-2, D-3, F-4

The candidate with the highest weighted GPA from the above calculation will be named valedictorian while the candidate with the second highest weighted GPA will be salutatorian. A tie for either position will be declared if the difference between the GPA's is .005 or less. If there are two or more valedictorians, then no salutatorian will be named.


**HONORS CLASSES AND  
ADVANCED PLACEMENT  
OPTIONS**

To Remain in an  
Honors Course the Following Year

To Qualify for an

Honors Course  
Grades 5-8

Students must have:  
(1) earned a 4.0 GPA in that subject for all quarter grades in the preceding year  
(2) ACT Aspire test scores equivalent to at least 85th percentile in the subject AND  
(3) teacher recommendation

Students must have:  
(1) earned an average 3.5, with no grade of B- or below, in that subject for all quarter grades  
(2) ACT Aspire test scores equivalent to at least 85th percentile in the subject AND  
(3) teacher recommendation

Grades 9 -12

Students must have:  
(1) earned a 3.75 GPA in that subject for all quarter grades in the preceding year  
  
AND  
(2) made no semester grade lower than a B

Students must have:  
(1) maintained a 3.25 GPA in that honors subject for all quarter grades with no quarter grade lower than a C  
  
OR  
(2) earned no quarter grade lower than a B  
  
AND  
(3) made no semester grade lower than a B

The Administration reserves the right to determine final placement for all students. In order to maintain the academic integrity of both the honors program and the college-preparatory curriculum in grades 6-12, a ceiling limit will be placed on class size each year, subject to the Division Head’s review and approval.