Understanding the Detailed HOPE Scholarship High School GPA Calculation Report

The high school HOPE GPA is calculated using the grades of all attempted (pass or fail) academic courses. Courses taken in middle school and core non-degree dual enrollment courses are not used for calculating the HOPE GPA. Numeric course grades are converted to a 4.0 scale based on the high school's grading scale. Any weight added to a grade by the high school for honors, gifted, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or degree-level dual enrollment courses is removed. A uniform 0.5 weight is added to AP, IB, or degree-level dual enrollment course grades up to the maximum of 4.0.

The following core courses are included in the HOPE GPA calculation:
- English - course numbers beginning with 23
- Mathematics - course numbers beginning with 27
- Science – course numbers beginning with 26 or 40
- Social studies – course numbers beginning with 45
- Foreign language – course numbers beginning with 60 – 64
- Other specific courses and course numbers included as a fourth science option

Explanation of each column on the HOPE GPA Report

Courses Excluded from GPA Calculation – indicates courses that are not included in the HOPE Scholarship GPA calculation. A single asterisk (*) indicates it is not a core course and has been excluded from the HOPE Scholarship GPA Calculation. A double asterisk (**) indicates it is a core course but has been excluded from the HOPE Scholarship GPA calculation. A triple asterisk (***) indicates the course was excluded because the high school provided a grade qualifier for the course such as P for Pass or S for Satisfactory. An “X” indicates the course was rejected because there was an error in the course information provided by the high school. The HOPE Scholarship GPA will not be calculated if there are errors in student or course data.

Year - year the course was taken.

Term - term the course was taken.

Course Number – specific Georgia Department of Education number assigned to the course.

Course Description – name of the course. The HOPE Scholarship GPA is calculated using core courses only and specific courses indicated as a fourth science option unless the course has been specifically excluded.

Academic Rigor – required course credit for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship eligibility. Minimum of four (4) rigor credits required for students graduating on or after May 1, 2017. Two rigor credits were required for students that graduated in 2015 and three credits were required for 2016 graduates.

Credits Attempted - number of credit, per course, attempted by student.

Credit Qualifier – symbol that indicates a core course should not be used in the HOPE Scholarship GPA. The most common credit qualifier indicators are middle school and transfer courses.

Grade Awarded - grade provided by the high school for a course.

Weight Indicator - symbol that indicates an additional weight was added to the course grade by the high
Points Subtracted Due to Weight Indicator - number of points subtracted from a course grade due to the weight indicator provided by the high school.

Unweighted Grade - grade after the weighted points are subtracted.

Convert to a 4.0 Scale - unweighted grade converted to a 4.0 scale. If the course grade is numeric, it is converted to a 4.0 (A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0, F=0.0) scale based on the high school’s grading scale.

Re-Weight - weight added back to core AP, IB, and degree-level core dual credit enrollment courses up to the maximum of four (4) points.

4.0 Scale Weighted Grade - sum of the grade in the "Convert to 4.0 Scale" column plus weight in the "Re-Weight" column.

Grade Multiplied by Credits Attempted - grade in the "4.0 Scale Weighted Grade" column multiplied by the credit in the "Credits Attempted" column for each course.

Calculating the final HOPE Scholarship GPA
Divide the total "Grade Multiplied by Credits Attempted" by the total "Credits Attempted." This is the HOPE Scholarship GPA.