



ASHLAND CITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Arrow Families:

I hope this message finds you well. As we continue our commitment to student success at Ashland High School, I am writing to inform you of a potential upcoming change regarding our grading system.

Ashland High School is considering the adoption of a weighted grading system in the near future. The primary reasons for considering this change include ensuring that our students are well-equipped to compete for college scholarships based on academic merit and encouraging them to challenge themselves by enrolling in the most rigorous courses available to them.

In the coming weeks, we will be dedicating time to thoroughly explain the proposed changes to our staff, students, and parents. We value your input and feedback, and will provide opportunities for you to share your thoughts and ask questions regarding this potential transition.

Outlined below are the key components of our tentative proposal:

1. Transitioning to a 5-point weighted grading scale for all Advanced Placement, College Credit Plus, and International Baccalaureate classes in the 2024-2025 school year. This adjustment will be retroactive, meaning it will include all the CCP/AP/IB classes students have previously taken.
2. Implementing a change to graduation awards based on the Latin Honor System of Summa, Magna, and Cum Laude in the 2025-2026 school year.

To facilitate a clear understanding of these proposed changes, we will be hosting an evening presentation for parents on May 8th at 6:00 PM in the Ashland High School Little Theater. For those unable to attend in person, an online presentation will be made available on our website later that week. We are committed to ensuring that any changes made serve the best interests of our students.

Sincerely,

Josh Packard
Principal
Ashland High School