

# PALO ALTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADING KEY - 2009-2010

All credits earned in Grades 9-12 count toward graduation. All courses are counted in computing grade point average with exception of courses earning: **P** = Pass, **NM** = No mark, and **NA** = Drop for Non-attendance.

## Grade Point Equivalents

Grade points are determined by using the following scale of equivalents:

**A = 4      B = 3      C = 2      D = 1      F = 0**

## Time Structure

Class periods are minimally 50 minutes. Courses meeting the equivalent of 5 times per week carry 5 semester units of credit.

## Graduation Requirements: 210 credits total

35 English	20 Physical Education
40 History/Social Science	10 Career/Technical Ed
10 Fine/Performing Arts	5 Living Skills
20 Science	
20 Mathematics	

## Interpretation of Symbols Following Course Titles

11	Designates semester course or first half of a full-year course
12	Second half of a full-year course
A	High ability, advanced
H	Honors
AP	Advanced Placement
52	Independent Study
64	Resource Specialist Program
65	Language Specialist Program
MP	Modified Program

## CLARIFICATION OF SELECTED COURSE ABBREVIATIONS

### Mathematics

ALG 1.1 and 1.2	=	2-year course completing a formal course in Algebra
ALG 1 and 1A	=	Elementary Algebra/Elementary Alg1 Advanced
GEOM & GEOM A	=	Elementary Geometry/Geometry Advanced
GEOM/ALG 2A	=	Geometry/Algebra 2 Advanced
ALG1/GEOM A	=	Algebra 1/Geometry Advanced
ALG2/TRG H	=	Algebra 2/Trigonometry Honors
ALG2	=	Algebra 2
TRG/ANLT A	=	Trigonometry/Analytic Geometry Advanced
ANALYSIS H	=	Elementary Functions/Intro to Calculus Honors
PRE CALC	=	Trig/Elem. Functions/Intro to Calculus
IAC	=	Intro to Analysis/Calculus
AB & BC CALC AP	=	College Calculus Advanced Placement
AP STAT	=	College Statistics Advanced Placement
ADVPROB	=	Advanced problem solving in mathematics

### Physical Education

PE MED	=	P. E. Medical excuse (no credit)
MOD P.E.	=	Prescribed program

### Other

EXPL EXP	=	Exploratory Experience
LIB TRN	=	Library Training
GEN WEEP	=	Work Experience Education Program
SCH SERV	=	School Service
ROP	=	Regional Occupational Training Program
OPRTN	=	Self-contained classroom, individualized curriculum
LBAS	=	Science Lab Assistant

## ADVANCED PROGRAMS

Courses marked "H" on this transcript are part of a special sequence of classes (enriched or accelerated) with high academic standards leading to an Advanced Placement "AP" course at college level. The process of selecting students for Advanced Program courses follows a rigorous set of standards. These courses provide intellectual challenge beyond that of regular college preparatory courses. Therefore, the school hopes that the college admissions office will consider the nature and quality of the work, as well as the grades, in assessing this record.

## Grade Point Averages on Transcript

District Unw = All classes listed on transcript from Grade 9 on, unweighted

State Unweighted = All classes except P.E. listed in transcript from Grade 10 on, unweighted

