

Dear Parents and Students,

As you all know, we have had some serious issues with our front entrance this year. The delays that X-Block presented seem to be miniscule compared to what we are dealing with on an every day basis as of late. As it now stands, the drainage work is almost complete, but the integrity of the turning lane is temporarily compromised. According to the director of construction, they should have the turning lane re-opened within the next week or two, weather permitting.

I have also received many questions from parents regarding a second entrance. I am currently working with county office officials to upgrade the priority level of this project.

Finally, I would like to thank the school council for the great job they have done this year. The school council's job is to act as a communication liaison between the school and community. At the last meeting, there was an overwhelming concern about how grades get calculated and how grades will be reported on the new schedule. The following is a quick cheat sheet that will hopefully answer any questions or concerns. Also, grade reporting and calculating GPA is done the same way by our neighboring traditional scheduled schools.

### **Grade Reporting:**

Students in all GPS Math courses (Math 1&2, Math 1&2 Support, and Accelerated Math 1, 2, & 3) will receive their **final grade** at the end of the school year. Their grade at the end of first semester will be a **progress grade**. This scenario is also true for AP Economics and Government.

Students in all other year long courses will receive a .5 grade at the end of first semester and a .5 grade at the end of second semester.

*Example: Biology A (First semester) = 93%*  
*Biology B (Second semester) = 85%*

*This student's transcript would show that they received a .5 credit at a 93% in Biology A and a .5 credit at a 85% in Biology B. Each .5 credit stands alone when this student's GPA is calculated. Therefore, this student's GPA in Biology would be a 3.5.*

### Calculating Cumulative G.P.A.

<u>Percentage</u>	<u>G.P.A</u>	<u>Honors(+.5 Quality pt.)</u>	<u>AP(+1.0 Quality pt.)</u>
90-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
80-89	3.0	3.5	4.0
74-79	2.0	2.5	3.0
70-73	1.0	1.5	2.0

- Note: Freshman Honors courses do not get quality points **unless** it is a class offered to upperclassman.