

Academics

Report Cards/Grading Scale

- The school year will be divided into three trimester grading periods.
- Parents may check student progress via PowerSchool.
- Report cards will be issued to each student at the end of each grading period.
- Jr/Sr Kindergarten will receive developmental report cards.

School/Classroom Conduct

Conduct grades for students in 1-12 will be as follows:

- E Exceptional (requires written documentation)
- S Satisfactory
- N Needs Improvement
- U Unacceptable (written documentation and parent contact)

Grade	Percentage Range	Quality Points Assigned*	Weighting for Honors Courses*	Weighting for Advanced Placement Courses*	Dual Enrollment
A	93-100	4	Honors classes receive 1.05 (5.0%) weighting to the numeric average.	AP classes receive 1.10 (10%) weighting to the numeric average.	Dual Enrollment classes receive 15% weighting to the numeric average.
B	85-92	3			
C	75-84	2			
D	70-74	1			
F	below 70				

* denotes information that pertains to high school classes only.

- No weighted credit will be awarded to numeric averages 70 or below in Honors or AP courses.
- We do not weight quality points.

Quality Points

All AP and honors courses should be based on a 4.0 scale.

Rationale: As students compete outside the school for scholarships and college acceptance, all weights of grades are removed.

Numeric Average Calculation

Student averages:	
English II	94
Honors US	85 (weighted 1.05 = 89)
Biology	89
World History	92
Spanish I	76
Drama	91

- Add up points (94+89+89+92+76+91 = 531/6 = 88.5)
- The numeric average for this student would be 88.5
- When the average is .5 or higher, it will be rounded to the next whole number.
- The Quality Point Average (QPA) would be (4+3+3+3+2+3)=18/6 = 3.00

High School Credit Information

- **A minimum of 24 credits must be earned for a diploma;**
- To achieve an honors diploma, a student must
 - (1) pass a minimum of 24 credits, including four years of science, including physics, and either pre-calculus honors or AP calculus; and must take all honors courses offered at a grade level.
 - (2) earn at least an overall 3.0 average.
- Minimum course load requirement for all TRA students is 5 subjects per year. The school reserves the right to modify course requirements because of an inability to schedule courses for individual students;
- All seniors are required to enroll in a fourth year math;
- In the event a student withdraws from a course after the first two weeks of school, but prior to the conclusion of a course, a dropped failing or dropped passing grade will be placed on all records.
- Students enrolled in honors or advanced placement (AP) courses may change to prep equivalent courses within the first progress report without grade penalty. **However, these changes depend on the ability of the administration to schedule the appropriate class change;**
- **TRA reserves the right to make any necessary adjustments in curriculum for transfer students entering TRA.**

Changing Schedules

Students may reschedule a course only during the first two weeks of school. After this time period, students may not be allowed to reschedule courses unless the following criteria are **all** met:

- Teacher Approval
- Counselor Approval
- Administrative Approval
- Parental Signature

Grade Classification 9-12

All students at TRA will be classified according to the number of documented credits (including summer school work):

- 9th Grade** – Minimum completion of 5 major units (including English I)
- 10th Grade** – Minimum completion of 11 major units (including English II)
- 11th Grade** – Minimum completion of 17 major units (including English III)
- 12th Grade** – Minimum completion of 24 major units (including English IV)

Class Ranking

Effective with the Class of 2014, TRA will begin using the following ranking system:

Distinguished Graduates

TRA Distinguished Scholars - Our highest graduating honor. Candidates must earn a Distinguished Honors Diploma as well as reach greater than 1700 points using the following formula: $(ACT \times 27.777) + (GPA \times 250) = > 1700$.

TRA Summa cum Laude - Candidates must earn a Distinguished Honors Diploma as well as have a 7th semester GPA range of 3.75-4.0.

TRA Magna cum Laude - Candidates must earn a Distinguished Honors Diploma as well as have a 7th semester GPA range of 3.50-3.75.

TRA Cum Laude - Candidates must earn a Distinguished Honors Diploma as well as have a 7th semester GPA range of 3.25-3.50.

TRA Honors Graduates - Candidates must earn a Distinguished Honors Diploma as well as a 7th semester GPA range of 3.0-3.25.

TRA Scholars - Candidates must earn at least a 3.0 GPA to obtain this honor.

Graduation

In order to be classified as a graduating senior, a student must have accumulated the mandated number of 24 credits. Students who have not fulfilled these requirements will be denied participation in Baccalaureate, graduation practices, graduation exercises, and any other events associated with graduation.

Honors Diploma

To achieve an Honors Diploma, a student must pass a minimum of 24 credits which are included on the course requirement chart under TRA Honors Diploma. A student must earn at least a 3.0 average and pass all honors courses offered at TRA. Honors courses not offered due to scheduling issues will not count in the requirements for an honors diploma.

***Students must have satisfactory records in conduct and attendance.**

***All other standards required by the Tennessee Board of Regents or Trustees for college admission to an accredited 4-year college or university.**

***Please Note: Any other Honors or Advanced Placement courses offered at TRA will receive weighted percentage and will be included in the QPA calculation; however will not be a requirement for an Honors Diploma.**

Distinguished Honors Diploma

To receive a Distinguished Honors Diploma, a student must qualify based on the criteria listed for a Honors Diploma and must earn credit in the Honors and Advanced Placement courses offered at TRA. Honors and Advanced Placement courses not offered due to scheduling issues will not count in the requirements for a distinguished honors diploma.

Students must have satisfactory records in conduct and attendance.

***All other standards required by the Tennessee Board of Regents or Trustees for college admission to an accredited 4-year college or university.**

***Please Note: Any other Honors or Advanced Placement courses offered at TRA will receive weighted percentage and will be included in the QPA calculation; however will not be a requirement for an Honors Diploma.**

Senior Project Overview

The Project: An independent, group project in which students will research a local need, develop a plan, execute an activity, present the results, and reflect on the experience.

Objectives:

- 1. Develop service-mindedness in students.**
- 2. Provide students with skills to become involved with their communities.**
- 3. Enhance problem-solving, planning, and follow-through in students.**
- 4. Develop collaboration skills in students.**
- 5. Refine presentation skills in students.**

Beginning with the Class of 2015, the summer before their senior year students will attend an international mission trip to obtain service hours paid for by the student.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS			
TRA Diploma		TRA Honors Diploma	
Subjects	Credits	Subjects	Credits
English I, II, III, IV	4	English I Honors, English II Honors, AP English III/ English III Honors, AP English IV/ English IV Honors	4
Math Algebra I, II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus AP Calculus Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry	4	Math Algebra II Honors, Geometry Honors, Pre-Calculus Honors, AP Calculus	4
Sciences Biology I, Chemistry I, Applied Physics	3	Sciences Biology I Honors, Chemistry I Honors, Physics Honors, Anatomy & Physiology Honors	4
Social Studies U.S. History, Govt./Econ, World History, Global Trends	3	Social Studies U.S. History Honors/ DE US History, Govt./Econ, World History Honors, Global Trends	3
Bible Life of Christ Defending Your Faith	1 1/2	Bible Life of Christ Defending Your Faith	1 1/2
Wellness	1	Wellness	1
Foreign Language Spanish I, II	2	Foreign Language Spanish I, II	2
Visual/Performing Arts	1	Visual/Performing Arts	1
Senior Project	1/2	Senior Project	1/2
Electives	4	Electives	3
Total Minimum Credits Required	24	Total Minimum Credits Required	24