

Course Credit

To receive course credit to meet promotion and graduation requirements, a student may not score lower than a C- for a final grade for a course. Students who receive final grades which are 69% or below do not receive credit for the course in which they have received the grade. The school issues letter grades on all report cards and transcripts. The school does not provide numeric grades.

Current Student Transfer Credit Policy for Credit Recovery

Thurgood Marshall Academy accepts credit recovery credits for students who have completed the course at Thurgood Marshall Academy but did not earn a passing grade.

Students in grades 9 -11 may earn up to three (3) recovery credits per school year from an approved credit bearing institution. Graduating seniors in need of credit to meet graduation requirements may enroll in the required courses needed without limit. Credit bearing institutions include:

- Thurgood Marshall Academy Summer School
- DCPS Summer School
- Summer School offered by an accredited school system (e.g., Washington, DC, Catholic Schools)
- Nationally accredited credit recovery programs (*Note: Any course available in the course catalog of any approved credit recovery program can be used to meet graduation requirements. A TMA administrator will review the course and make a final determination on how the course will be applied to the graduation requirement.*)

Students seeking credit recovery must be enrolled in a course that corresponds to Thurgood Marshall Academy's course and graduation requirements. It is the student's responsibility to enroll in the appropriate courses at an approved institution. Students *must seek approval* from the Head of School **before** enrolling in any courses outside of Thurgood Marshall Academy to ensure that the course meets the school's credit transfer requirements and graduation criteria.

Students in grades 9-11 must be currently enrolled and have completed and failed a course to participate in credit recovery. A transcript evaluation will be completed to make a final determination on eligibility and participation.

When Credit Recovery Courses Take Place

Students in grades 9-11 participate in credit recovery during the summer of each school year. Students in grade 12 who need additional credits to meet graduation requirements may participate in credit recovery after their first semester. Thurgood Marshall Academy

communicates the specific dates, times, course format, and locations to eligible students and families.

Equal Access for Students with Disabilities

Thurgood Marshall Academy provides students with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from credit recovery. A student's disability will not be used to deny or limit participation when the student otherwise meets the eligibility requirements. For a student with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan, Thurgood Marshall will coordinate the appropriate special education or section 504 personnel to provide the accommodations, supplementary aides and services, accessible materials, assistive technology, and other supports required by the student's plan. These supports will be provided in the credit recovery setting while maintaining the academic and credit requirements for successful course completion.

To earn recovery credit, students must successfully complete a course with a C- or better or the numeric equivalent of a 70% or higher.

Students seeking transfer of credit recovery courses will be reviewed on an individual basis by Thurgood Marshall Academy administration.

Please consult the school's Course Catalog for specific policies related to grade calculations for transfer and credit recovery grades.

Grade Point Average

A student's Grade Point Average (GPA) is extremely important for the college admissions process. A high GPA enables students to be competitive in the college application process and makes it easier to earn scholarship money to pay for the costs of a college education. Each Thurgood Marshall Academy student should understand that colleges examine a student's cumulative GPA from ninth through twelfth grade. Students will learn how to calculate their GPAs in Advisory. Advanced Placement and honors courses receive extra weight in the calculation of the student's GPA. Please refer to the section on Advanced Placement and honors courses. Thurgood Marshall Academy only includes grades earned at the school towards a student's GPA calculation.

Grade Scale

Thurgood Marshall Academy uses a letter grading system to measure student progress in courses. The grading scale is as follows:

Standard GPA Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Numeric Range	Grade Point Value
A+	100–97	4.33
A	96–93	4.00
A-	92–90	3.67
B+	89–87	3.33
B	86–83	3.00
B-	82–80	2.67
C+	79–77	2.33
C	76–73	2.00
C-	72–70	1.67
F	69 or below	0.00

Period	Class Name	Grade	GPA Numeric Equivalent	Credit Weighting	Quality Points
<i>Example</i>	English 10	B+	3.33	1	3.33

Honors GPA Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Numeric Range	Grade Point Value
A+	100–97	4.83
A	96–93	4.50
A-	92–90	4.17
B+	89–87	3.83
B	86–83	3.50
B-	82–80	3.17
C+	79–77	2.83
C	76–73	2.50
C-	72–70	2.17
F	69 or below	0.00

Period	Class Name	Grade	GPA Numeric Equivalent	Credit Weighting	Quality Points
<i>Example</i>	Honors Algebra	B+	3.83	1	3.83

AP (Advanced Placement) Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Numeric Range	Grade Point Value
A+	100–97	5.33
A	96–93	5.00
A-	92–90	4.67
B+	89–87	4.33
B	86–83	4.00
B-	82–80	3.67

C+	79–77	3.33
C	76–73	3.00
C-	72–70	2.67
F	69 or below	0.00

Period	Class Name	Grade	GPA Numeric Equivalent	Credit Weighting	Quality Points
<i>Example</i>	AP History	B+	4.33	1	4.33

Calculating GPA

Each letter grade is assigned a Grade Point Value (see table above). The GPA is calculated by multiplying the Grade Point Value for all eligible completed courses (FINAL grades only) by the credit attempted for the courses (courses are valued at 0.25 credit, 0.5 credit or 1.0 credit). The final number is divided by the total number of credits attempted to obtain the GPA. GPAs are only calculated at the end of the school year. Student transcripts reflect both a yearly GPA and a cumulative GPA (inclusive of all eligible courses completed at Thurgood Marshall Academy).

Example:

Sam Jackson, 11th grade

Course Name	FINAL Grade	Grade Point Value		Credit Attempted	GPA Value
AP English Language	A-	4.67	X	1.00	4.67
Algebra 2 (H)	B+	3.83	X	1.00	3.83
Spanish 3	C	2.00	X	1.00	2.00
US History	C-	1.67	X	1.00	1.67
Intro to Law	F	0.00	X	1.00	0.00
PE 2	B	3.00	X	0.50	1.50
Music App	C	2.00	X	0.50	1.00
Total:				6.00	14.67
Year-end GPA:				2.445	

Courses Included in GPA Calculation

Only eligible courses completed during the regular academic year are factored into the GPA calculation. Generally, all academic courses offered during the regular academic year are included in the GPA calculation. Courses graded on a Pass/Fail scale (Law

Firm Tutoring, AP Seminar courses, etc.), summer school courses, and credit recovery courses are not included in the GPA calculation. Please reference the course catalog to determine if a course is included in the GPA calculation.

Factoring Summer Courses and Credit Recovery Courses into GPA

Class of 2022 and After

Students must earn a passing grade (70% or higher) to *make up for the failed courses* (taken either at TMA or another location) and credit recovery courses. *Students who complete a credit recovery course will earn a C- on their transcript. The original failing grade remains on the transcript and is averaged with the C- for GPA purposes.*

Class of Before 2024

Summer school courses (taken either at TMA or at another location) and credit recovery courses are factored into the GPA calculation. The courses taken must be passed with a C-.

Factoring High School Grades Received Prior to TMA Enrollment

Grades received prior to enrolling at Thurgood Marshall Academy are not factored into the GPA calculation. A Transfer Credit Worksheet should be completed during the summer prior to enrolling at Thurgood Marshall Academy PCHS. The Transfer Credit Worksheet will include all courses included on the official transcript from the student's sending school and denote if the course credit earned will transfer into Thurgood Marshall Academy. These courses are used to fulfill graduation requirements, but the grades are not eligible for inclusion in the GPA calculation.