2023-2024 ACCEPTED/UNACCEPTED COURSES for ACADEMIC PENTATHLON® GPA CALCULATION

Grade Conversions

Honor	3.80-4.000	**A =**	4	**90-100 =**	4
Scholastic	3.20-3.799	**B =**	3	**80-89 =**	3
Varsity	0.000-3.199	**C =**	2	**70-79 =**	2
		D =	1	**60-69 =**	1
		F =	0	**≤ 59 =**	0

Acceptable Courses	Unacceptable Courses
Courses are considered acceptable if they focus more than 50% of the time on understanding ideas, concepts, and theories of a specific discipline.	*Courses are considered unacceptable if they are hands-on, performance-based, skills-type, non-book, lab-based, or more than 50% of course time is spent in service learning or internship.*
Art	**Academic Decathlon Classes**
• Art History	**Agriculture** (applied courses)
• Art Appreciation	**Architectural Drawing**
Communications	**Art**
• Speech	• Graphic Design, Ceramics, Drawing, Multi-Cultural, Painting, Jewelry, Printmaking, Sculpture, etc.
• Debate	**Astronomy** (unless a Science credit is given)
• Public Speaking	**Bookkeeping**
Computer Courses	**Child Development**
• Programming Languages (HTML, ASP, JAVA, Visual Basic, C++, etc…)	**Computer Courses**
• Computer Literacy	Data/Information Processing
Creative Writing	• Keyboarding/Word Processing
	• Computer Lab
Engineering	• Applications/Software Programs
• Engineering Design/Problem Solving	• Software Courses
• Engineering Theory	• Web Design Programs
• Robotics	• **Current Events** (unless Social Studies credit given)
English/Language Arts	**Drafting**
• Composition/Writing	

Acceptable Courses	Unacceptable Courses
• Creative Writing	**Drama/Theater/Stagecraft**
• Journalism (NOT yearbook, school newspaper)	• Acting/Performance
	• Stagecraft/Technical Theater
Foreign Language	**Electronics**
• Foreign Language Arts	**Engineering Graphics**
• French, Spanish, German, Russian, Chinese, Sign Language, Navajo, etc…	**English/Language Arts**
Humanities	• Applied Journalism (yearbook, school newspaper)
Mathematics	
Music	**Health Education**
• Music Appreciation	
• Music Theory	**Independent Study**
• Music History	**Mechanical Drawing**
Psychology/Sociology	**Media Studies**
Science	**Morality & Issues**
• ALL basic sciences	**Multi-Media Communications**
• Forensic Sciences	**Music Performance**
• Agri-Science (theory)	• Band
• Science, Technology, & Society	• Chorus
Social Studies/Social Science/History	• Orchestra
	Photography
	Physical Education
	Religion
	Service Learning/Internships
	Student Government/Leadership
	Study Skills/Prep Classes
	Technical/Vocational Courses

Please check your course catalog/descriptions to determine applicability of specific classes. If you are still unclear, please contact USAP for clarification.