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Twin Cities Academy uses both a 4.0 unweighted grading system for standard classes and a 5.0 weighted grading system for AP and CIS classes. Advanced Placement (AP) and College in Schools (CIS) courses are designed to reflect college-level rigor and expectations. Because these classes require a higher level of academic challenge, time commitment, and independent learning, they are weighted in the GPA calculation to recognize the additional effort and difficulty.

- Advance Placement (AP)
 - Advanced Placement® or AP® is a College Board® program designed to offer a rigorous collegiate-like course experience for high school students. Students who score at the high-end on the AP® exams may be able to earn college credit at some colleges and universities.
 - Advanced Placement courses are available in the 2025-2026 school year for the following subjects: Calculus AB, English Language and Composition, African American History, Biology, Spanish, and US History. We also offer two College in the Schools (CIS) courses, CIS Writing Studio and CIS French, which are offered through the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities.
- College in Schools (CIS)
 - Partnering with the University of Minnesota (U of M) Twin Cities to offer courses through College in the Schools (CIS) allows students to get a start on their college and career plans. Students experience the pace and challenge of U of M courses, while also earning both high school and college credit.
- PSEO (Post Secondary Education Options)
 - Students in the 11th and 12th grades, primarily, are also able to enroll in PSEO courses through local two and four year colleges. Courses taken at these courses for high school credit are also eligible for weighted grades and college credit.

Grade Distribution & Testing Profile

Most grades are unweighted according to a 4.0 grading scale. AP, CIS, and PSEO grades are weighted according to a 5.0 grading scale.

Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Un-Weighted Value	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7	0
Weighted Value	5.0	4.7	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	0