



# DONALDSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Donaldsonville High School Parents,

**The purpose of this communication is to remind you about the change to our honors grading system that was communicated to you previously via our spring/summer newsletter, student prep days and our fall open house. Our first report cards will be mailed on October 16<sup>th</sup> and we want you to be aware of the visual change which will be reflected on the report card.**

First, let me explain the purpose for this change. In the past, we awarded a 5-point A+; however, the A+ was not recognized by state agencies and some post-secondary institutions. **We feel aligning our practices with what is standard for LOFSA, TOPS, state agencies, and post-secondary institutions is in the best interest of our students.**

**This change will be in effect for all students currently enrolled at DHS.** In addition to issuing new grades on report cards for 2015-2016, we have also amended historical letter grades retroactively for the Classes of 2016, 2017, and 2018 so that transcript grades will be consistent. **Please keep in mind GPAs WILL NOT be affected.** Honors courses will remain on a 5-point scale; however, our letter grades issued will change. For example, in the past, a student who earned a 93-100 in an honors class received an A+ and 5 points. Now, they will earn an A but the A will still be worth 5 points. See the new scale below.

Previous Honors Grading System			New Honors Grading System		
A+	100-93	5 Quality Points	A	100-93	5 quality points
A	92-85	4 quality points	B	92-85	4 quality points
B	84-75	3 quality points	C	84-75	3 quality points
C	74-67	2 quality points	D	74-67	2 quality points
F	66-0	0 quality points	F	66-0	0 quality points

As a courtesy for graduates of 2016, 2017 and 2018, we will attach a hard copy of your child's cumulative card with any hard copy transcript request (official or unofficial) along with a letter from Superintendent Pujol explaining this transition. The cumulative card will show the old honors letter grades for any honors courses taken previous to the 2015-2016 school year. Remember, although the letter grades appear differently, the GPAs will not be affected.

**This is a district-wide change.** You may also reference the DHS school webpage for more information around our grading procedures. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Registrar James Dykes or an administrator, by phone at 225-391-7900.

Educationally Yours,

  
Marvin Evans

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