



GEMS

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What is a GPA?

The acronym GPA stands for Grade Point Average. A GPA is a calculated average of the letter grades you earn in school following a 0 to 4.0 scale (or another numbered scale as determined by the High School).

GPA is issued every semester. Students will receive a GPA based on the grades they have earned in all classes during that semester. Throughout High School, students will also maintain a cumulative GPA. The cumulative GPA is a calculation of the ongoing average of all of the student's Semester One and Semester Two grades. This calculation begins at the start of Grade 9 - Freshman year.

When a student makes applications to university and college courses, a copy of the student's transcript will be issued which features the current cumulative GPA of the student. Universities and Colleges, predominantly in the USA and Canada, use this number to measure the student's overall performance in school. The calculation also allows for comparison with other prospective students.

At GEMS Dubai American Academy, we are required by the Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA) to follow the government mandated GPA scale for all High Schools in Dubai.

This KHDA GPA scale is as follows:

Letter Grade	Percent Grade	4.0 Scale
A+	97 -100	4.0
A	93 - 96	4.0
A-	90 - 92	3.7
B+	87 - 89	3.3
B	83 - 86	3.0
B-	80 - 82	2.7
C+	77 - 79	2.3
C	73 - 76	2.0
C-	70 - 72	1.7
D+	67 - 69	1.3
D	65 - 66	1.0
D-	Below 65	0.5
E/F	Below 60	0.0
AP/IB courses	An additional 0.25 to the standard weighting	

*This GPA is on a 4.0 scale with a 0.25 weighting for all International Baccalaureate (IB) classes (regardless of whether they are Higher Level (HL) or Standard Level (SL)) and Advanced Placement (AP) classes.