



# PERRY HIGH SCHOOL

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## Exemption and Honors/AP Quality Points

Parent(s),

Our records indicate that your child is in one or more Honors and/or AP classes that include quality points in the average. These quality points are given to reward students for the additional rigor and challenge of these classes. The three (3) additional points for Honors classes and five (5) additional points for AP classes benefit students' cumulative GPAs and class rank. Because different counties add different amounts of quality points for advanced content courses, the Georgia Finance Commission equalizes the GPAs for all Georgia students when calculating the HOPE GPA that is used for HOPE Scholarship/Grant and Zell Miller Scholarship eligibility. For both Honors and AP courses, the quality points are removed and grades are converted to the 4.0 scale (A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, F = 0). In the case of AP courses, students are rewarded with an additional 0.5 on the 4.0 scale. For example, a course grade of an 80 would be converted to a 77 (2.0) for an Honors class and a 75 (2.0 + 0.5 = 2.5) for an AP class.

While this calculation method is not new, we want to ensure that you are aware of the potential consequences of this method of calculation as you consider your child's exemption options. Beginning this semester, students may now exempt with an average of 80 including quality points if they meet all other requirements. Choosing to exempt with a grade of 80 – 82 in Honors classes and/or a grade of 80 – 84 in AP classes will negatively effect on your child's HOPE GPA and possibly jeopardize their eligibility for the HOPE and/or Zell Miller Scholarships. Please know that exemption is an option, not a mandate. Students who exempt are always welcome to take the final exam in an effort to improve their grades. Teachers will not penalize students for attempting the final if they happen to score below their exemption average on the exam.

Please sign the bottom of this letter and return it to one of your child's Honors/AP teachers acknowledging notification of the potential effects of exemption on HOPE GPAs. Additional details on the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships can be found at [www.gafutures.com](http://www.gafutures.com). Please contact your child's Honors/AP teacher or the counselor's office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carmen Horton  
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Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Panther Pride In All We Do*

