

## Weighted Credit

“Prince William County Public Schools weights grades in college level courses in order to encourage students to take these courses and to reward them for doing so.” Research indicates that taking such college level courses does help students to be more successful when they enter a college environment. Grade weighting is reserved for college level courses for which students can receive college credit after successfully completing an external examination. Here at Battlefield weighted credit courses include Advanced Placement courses examined through Advanced Placement examinations (AP) and certain Career and Technical Program courses (Network Design & Engineering and Database Design & Management) that are college level and examined through licensure and certification examinations. Weighted credit courses have to have an established college level curriculum, use college level texts and materials, and teach content and skills that are at the college level. Also critical to the criteria for grade weighting is teacher preparation to teach these specific courses at the college level and the vertical alignment of these courses through the designation of the specific high school prerequisite courses needed to enter the college level class.