

# HOUSATONIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Seniors and Parents:

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It is hard to believe that we have completed the first semester of the school year and that our seniors are beginning the third quarter with an eye toward longer days and the completion of their time at HVRHS. The end of the first semester marks the time for our School Counseling department to send midyear transcripts to colleges. Given the changes that we have made to our grading practices this year, we feel that it is important that you understand how the school is handling the designation of “Not Yet Proficient” (NYP) on student transcripts at the mid-year.

Each year, the senior mid-year grade point average (GPA) is calculated for twelfth graders. For students that have applied to college, the first semester grades of their senior year, and grades from the three previous years, are included on a student’s transcript and sent to colleges requiring a mid-year report. Here is the process we are using:

1. Mid-year GPA calculations for students who do not have NYP’s are based on grades for all courses that are regularly included in a GPA calculation. (Note: some courses, PE for example, are routinely excluded from GPA calculations). This is consistent with past practice; so for these students, nothing has changed.
2. For students with an NYP in any course at the end of this semester, those courses will not be included in the mid-year GPA calculation, as those courses are “in process” and work still needs to be completed to determine a final grade. When the student has completed the work and demonstrated proficiency, the NYP will be changed to a number grade.

Senior transcripts will include a message indicating that “NYP = Not Yet Proficient” and “NYP is not included in GPA calculation” so that college admissions staff understand this designation. In keeping with the requirements set by college admissions offices, senior transcripts will be sent out no later than February 15th.

Class rank will not be included on the senior mid-year transcript because some students are still able to correct NYP’s. Class rank will be calculated for graduation recognitions later this year.

We look forward to continuing the support of our students as they prepare for their next steps after high school. Please know that Mrs. Sharon Veatch, Chair of the School Counseling Department, and I are available to address any questions you might have.

Respectfully,

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