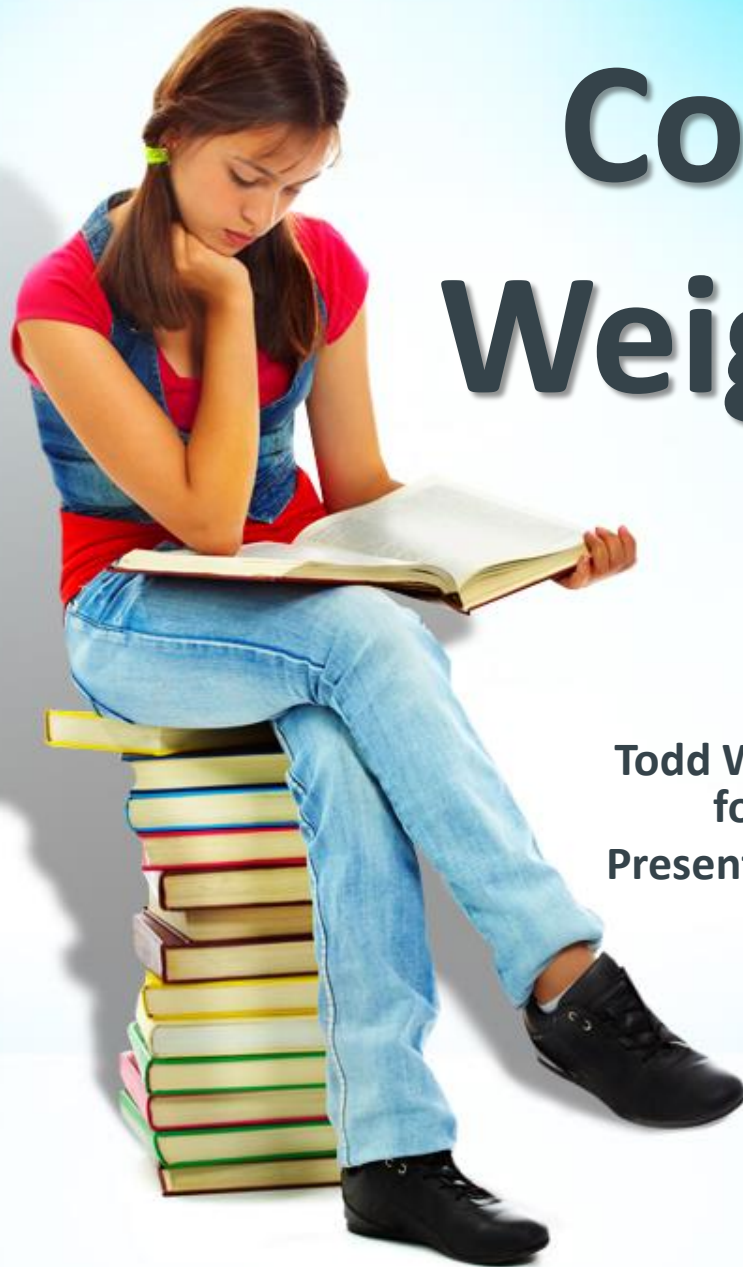


# Course Weighting



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# Purpose of Course Weighting:

As the challenge associated with the coursework presented varies by course, it is important to ensure that students are not penalized for taking more demanding classes in High School. To this end, adding points to certain classes acts as an equalizer to grades achieved by students in these courses when compared to less demanding classes. This helps to account for varying difficulties in different levels of academic courses.



# Current Weighting System:

- Advanced Placement/College/Honors: 1.10
- All Other Courses: 1.0

# Proposed Weighting System:

- Advanced Placement: 1.10
- College/Honors/Pre-College Advanced Courses  
(Pre-Calculus/Physics): 1.05
- All Other Courses: 1.0



# Reasons for Proposed Change:

The goal is to equalize weighted grades in accordance with the level of challenge a course provides:

- In order of curricular challenge:
  - Advanced Placement Courses
  - College Courses
  - Honors Courses
  - Pre-College Advanced Courses (Pre-Calculus, Physics)
  - Regents Courses



# Weighting Systems from Other Districts:

## Seaford:

- Advanced Placement/College/Honors: 1.15
- College/Honors: 1.10
- All Others: 1.0

## Wantagh:

- Advanced Placement/College: 1.15
- Honors: 1.10
- Regents: 1.05
- All Others: 1.0

## Massapequa:

- Advanced Placement: 5 points added to average
- College: 3 points added to average
- Pre-Calculus AB and BC: 3 points added to average
- All Others: No weighting



# Weighting Systems from Other Districts:

Farmingdale: The following courses are weighted at 1.1

- Advanced Placement Courses
- Honors Courses
- Wind Ensemble
- Science Research
- Humanities (English and Social Studies)
- Algebra (if taken in grade 8)
- Any World Language level 4 or 5

Bethpage:

- Advanced Placement: 1.15
- Honors/College: 1.10
- Regents: 1.025
- All Others: 1.00



# Weighting Systems from Other Districts:

## Levittown:

- Advanced Placement: 1.075
- College Level: 1.065
- Accelerated/Honors: 1.05

## Island Trees:

- Advanced Placement: 1.15
- Accelerated/Honors/College: 1.10
- Regents: 1.05
- All Others: 1.00

## Plainview-Old Bethpage:

- Advanced Placement: 1.07
- Accelerated/Honors/College: 1.05
- All Others: 1.00



# Weighting Systems from Other Districts:

## Hicksville:

- Advanced Placement: 1.10
- Accelerated/Honors: 1.05
- All others: 1.00

## Bellmore-Merrick:

- Advanced Placement: 5 points added
- Accelerated/Honors/College: 2 points added

## Hewlett-Woodmere:

- Advanced Placement/College: 1.10
- Accelerated/Honors & Language Levels 4 and 5: 1.05
- All Others: 1.00





# Implementation Process:

New course weighting structure would apply to the cohort of students entering grade 8 in the fall (2016-2017), which is the graduating class of 2021



# Questions?

