



## Board Policy 4.709 End of Course Policy

### Writing Assessment Factoring Procedures

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The Anderson County Board of Education Policy 4.709 End of Course Grading (lines 33-34) states:

*In addition, the Anderson County Board of Education stipulates that the state-mandated high school Writing Assessment will be factored in as 20% of the student's grade for English IV.*

It is expected that the Writing Assessment test will be factored in as 20% of the total final grade for English IV. (The English course taken by the student in the senior year.) The following procedures have been established to clarify the above policy and expectation.

The calculation for factoring in the Writing Assessment as 20% of the student's grade for English IV is as follows:

#### Semester-Long English, Including Semester-Long Dual Enrollment

$(\text{Average of Q1 and Q2} \times .80) + (\text{Writing Assessment score} \times .20) = \text{final grade}$

#### Year-Long Course – English IVAP

- For purposes of reporting GPA and class rank at the end of the first semester (Board Policy 4.702 Class Rank, lines 18-19, *Only the first seven (7) school semesters will be used to calculate the DPS scores for Valedictorian and Salutatorian*):  
 $(\text{Average of Q1 and Q2} \times .80) + (\text{Writing Assessment score} \times .20) = \text{GPA, class rank and first semester grade}$
- For purposes of calculating the final grade for the course for the entire year:  
Average of first semester grade (includes Writing Assessment) and second semester grade (does not include Writing Assessment) = final grade

#### Year-Long Dual Enrollment English

*For this purpose, semester equals nine weeks, half credit.*

$(\text{Average of Semester 1 and Semester 2} \times .80) + (\text{Writing Assessment score} \times .20) = \text{final grade}$

#### Student Departure Prior to Completion of English IVAP

The student will be assigned a credit for honors English and the Writing Assessment will be factored as follows:

$(\text{Average of Q1 and Q2} \times .80) + (\text{Writing Assessment score} \times .20) = \text{final grade}$