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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter contains important information regarding eligibility for the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program. There are two popular HOPE Lottery Scholarship programs available to eligible Williamson County students.

Scholarship	Eligibility Requirements	Award
HOPE Scholarship	Graduate from a Tennessee high school and meet minimum residency requirements, Enroll at an eligible participating Tennessee College or university, and Have a minimum of a 21 composite ACT score (980 SAT), exclusive of the essay and optional subject area battery tests, OR Have an overall weighted minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) under the Tennessee Uniform Grading Policy (TN UGPA).	\$4,000 per year at a 4 year college. \$2,000 per year at a 2 year college.
General Assembly Merit Scholarship	Meet all the above requirements AND have a minimum of a 29 composite ACT score (1280 SAT), exclusive of the essay and optional subject area battery tests AND have an overall weighted minimum 3.75 grade point average under the Tennessee Uniform Grading Policy (TN UGPA).	Additional \$1000 per year.

To become eligible for both the Tennessee Hope Scholarship and General Assembly Merit Scholarship (GAMS), a student's GPA will be configured using the Tennessee Uniform Grading Policy (TN UGPA), as mandated by the Tennessee Board of Education. **THE TN UGPA WILL BE DIFFERENT THAN THE WCS GPA AND WILL FREQUENTLY BE LOWER THAN THE WCS GPA. THE TN UGPA DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE WCS TRANSCRIPT. STUDENTS USING THE TN UGPA TO QUALIFY FOR THE TN LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD CONTACT THEIR SCHOOL COUNSELOR.**

The Williamson County Grading Scale differs from the Tennessee Uniform Grading Scale. See below.

Williamson County Grading Scale			
Grade Range	Regular/Standard	Honors	A.P/I.B.
97-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
94-96	3.7	4.2	4.7
91-93	3.5	4.0	4.5
87-90	3.3	3.8	4.3
84-86	3.0	3.5	4.0
81-83	2.7	3.2	3.7
77-80	2.3	2.8	3.3
72-76	2.0	2.5	3.0
70-71	1.0	1.5	1.9

Please note: The Williamson County Grading Scale includes the addition of 3 points and 5 points to the 9 week grade for Honors and A.P/I.B. courses, respectively.

Tennessee Uniform Grading Scale (TN UGPA)	
Grade Range	All Courses Levels, including Honors, A.P/I.B.
93-100	4.0
85-92	3.0
75-84	2.0
70-74	1.0

Please note that WCS numerical grades earned each semester are converted to the TNUGPA at the conclusion of the senior year to determine Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship eligibility.

The TN Uniform Grading Scale will be used to calculate a student's GPA for the purpose of determining a student's Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship eligibility **only**. The Williamson County Grading Scale GPA will be used for all other purposes, including reports cards, official transcripts, GPA, class rank, honor roll, etc.

Again, for questions regarding how this policy affects your child's Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship eligibility, please contact your student's school counselor.

These requirements are subject to change as per the Tennessee Legislature. For more information on the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program, please visit <http://www.tn.gov/collegepays/>