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## Grade Point Average (GPA)

### Understanding GPA

As you know, Australian high schools don't calculate your grades in a GPA format. Don't let this faze you though—U.S. colleges generally know how to interpret Australian results and they will not ask you to translate your grades to a GPA when you provide them your academic transcripts for Years 9,10, 11 and 12.

If you have not provided the U.S. college/s with a standardized test result, which they can use to gauge your academic ability, then they may ask for a GPA in regards to being able to evaluate your high school results.

Thus, if you have not yet sat (or will not take) a standardized test, your options could include self calculating your GPA to provide this as a guide. One GPA calculator can be found at: <http://www.foreigncredits.com/>

However, it is important that you and your school not provide a GPA conversion of your grades. U.S. colleges now how to convert world academic results. Thus, there should be no need to pay companies to formalize or translate your school reports.

For student-athletes aspiring to attend a Division I or II college, you should also refer to the Australian section of the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for GPA information applicable to your state/territory. Note: You can find the most up-to-date version of the [NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards](#) from the [International Student Athletes landing page](#).

