

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE iPOLY ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AND TRANSCRIPT

Parents and students often ask how colleges view iPoly's unique educational program. iPoly's academic program is college preparatory. Our courses have gone through a rigorous evaluation and been approved by the University of California and California State University systems. This approval is known as meeting the "A-G" course requirements for entrance. Approximately 96% of iPoly graduates continue on to higher education after high school.

The following questions and answers are designed to help you gain a deeper understanding of our educational program.

Question:

Why does iPoly assign a 4.0 value to the "AE" as well as the "E" assessment marks?

Answer:

In standard high schools, once you reach the level of an "A" you are awarded a 4.0. An "A+" also provides the same 4.0 in all non-weighted grading system. Like the standard grading, our "E" assessment has the same grade point value (4.0) as does the "AE". However, our rating of Exemplary (or "E") gives instructors an opportunity to recognize students who achieve levels far beyond the maximum. The "E" assessment is our way of indicating excellence beyond the requirements of the course. Our "E" allows teachers and students alike to recognize the student who truly goes above and beyond.

Question:

Why doesn't iPoly offer AP and Honors Classes?

Answer:

Students are encouraged to seek advanced coursework beyond our core curriculum. iPoly, however, chose not offer Honors and AP classes. When iPoly was developed, a conscious effort was made to create one college-preparatory curriculum that could be accessed by all students. We are opposed to tracking students by ability levels. For those students who desire opportunity to move beyond our college-prep curriculum, college courses, which are both transferable and competitive in college entrance requirements are available. Students must be at the 11th grade level and maintain a GPA of 3.0 (for Young Scholars at Cal Poly) or a 2.5 for most community college classes.

Question:

Does iPoly's lack of AP & Honors classes adversely affect students' college application?

Answer:

In a word, no. College courses and advanced high school coursework taken outside of our curriculum are encouraged for those who meet the above requirements. Our "A-G" curriculum goes beyond University requirements.