



Explanatory Note to Accompany the SFLS AP Center School Profile 2010-2011

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We have added this explanatory note so that the U.S. colleges and universities who have received or will receive applications from our students will understand the scale we have used this year to calculate our students' GPAs. We would also like to apologize for an error in the version of our school profile that accompanied copies of our students' transcripts that we sent to U.S. colleges and universities via Naviance on or before November 10, 2010. That error in the explanation of our calculation of our students' GPAs has been corrected on the accompanying version of our profile that can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

You will notice that even on the accompanying corrected version of our profile, especially towards the lower part of the scale, it is higher than conventional U.S. high school grading scales. This is the first year of our Advanced Placement program, and we are working within a large Chinese public high school with a curriculum geared to preparing students to apply to Chinese universities. Developing this program requires quite a bit of give and take as we both adjust to different styles of education. This grading scale is meant to lessen the impact of low grades our students have earned in the Chinese curriculum because of their more severe grading policies. It is not meant to inflate or distort the achievements of our students. We recognize that it is very likely that you will perform your own calculations based on the transcripts we are providing, and we hope that our explanation will assist you in interpreting those recalculated GPAs.

We are in the process of trying to convince officials at the Chinese high school to permit us next year to revise the way we calculate our students' GPAs to align that calculation more closely with the usual practice in the U.S. We promise to keep you informed of our progress in that regard.

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