

EIC (LOCAL)

Proposed revisions to BISD GPA policy

Information on Current GPA

- Current policy enacted in 2014
- Result of extensive work and study by many stakeholders
- Intended to promote advanced courses & reward multiple course types
- 26 credits, including 5.5 credits of electives
- 4 Bonus Tiers
 - +18 pts for AP/Dual-Credit
 - +10 pts for Pre-AP/Honors
 - +2 pts for On Level/Select CTE
 - +0 pts all others
- Ranks all students first to last

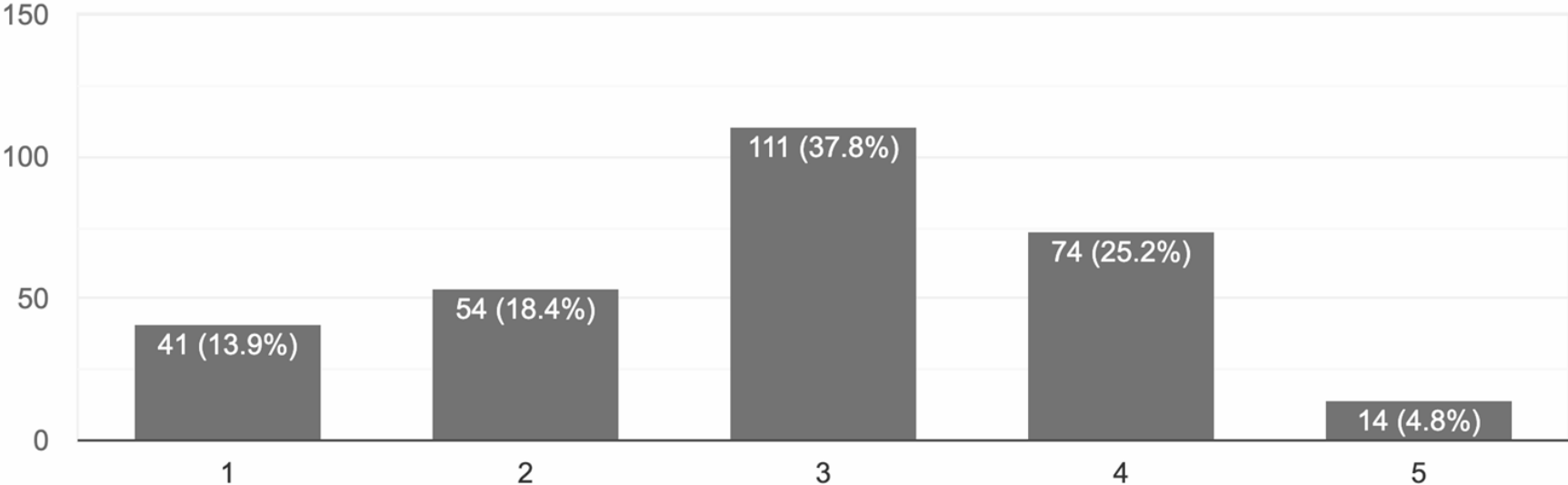
GPA

Current policy concerns

- Very **complicated** ; not easily understood or explained
- **GPA inflation** due to 18 points for AP and Dual Credit courses
- Students feel unable to participate in sports and fine arts due to **pressure** to take AP and Dual Credit courses to stay in top ten percent
- **Lack of communication** or explanation of how the current system works
- Doesn't value students' **physical and mental well being**
- Prevents students from continuing in **pathways of interest**
- Is **difficult** for college admissions officers and recruiters **to understand**

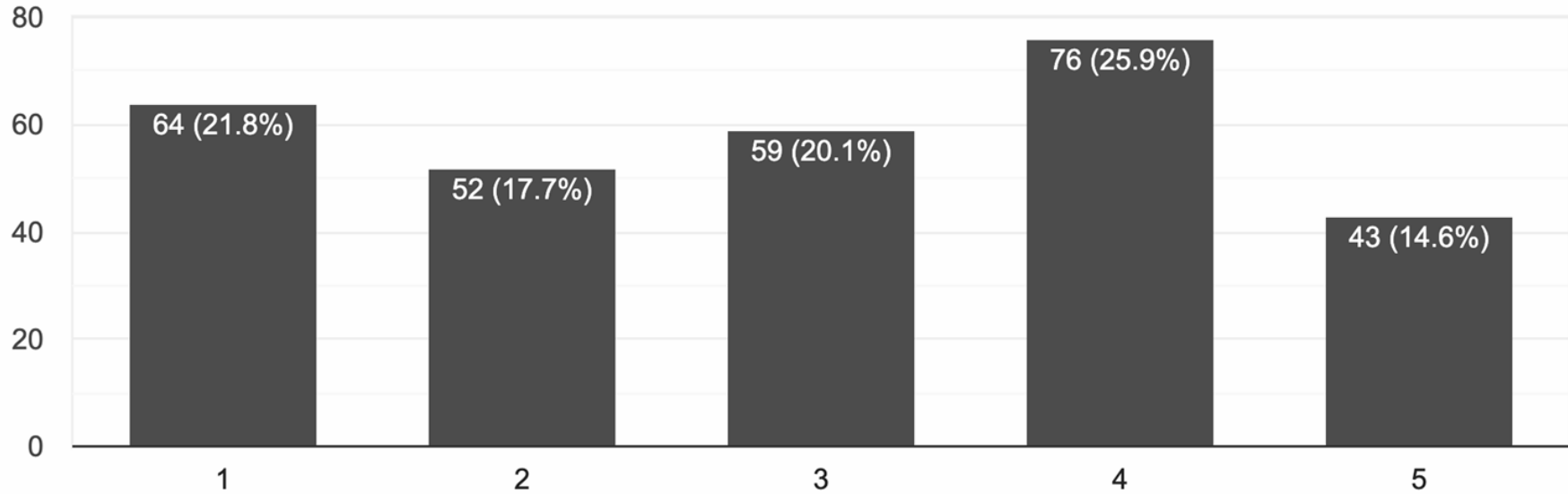
How well do you think our current GPA functions in promoting the vision, mission, and beliefs of Boerne ISD?

294 responses



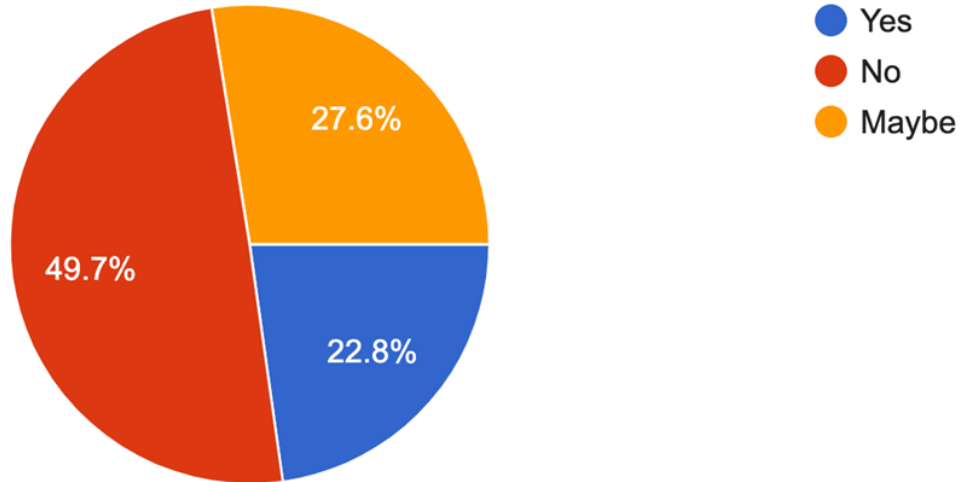
How well do you understand our current GPA system?

294 responses



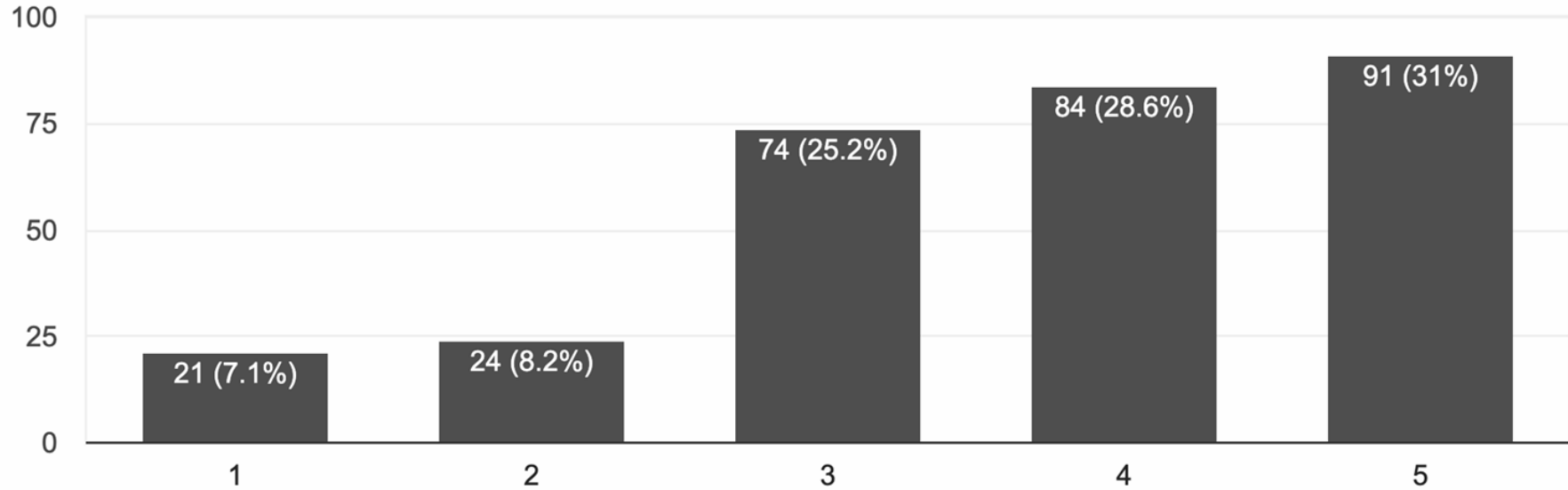
Are you able to calculate your own or your child's GPA based on our current system?

294 responses



How would you rate your interest in updating the current GPA policy?

294 responses



The Process

The committee

Consisted of students, parents, administrators and teachers

The work

Surveyed students and parents, open discussion, studied other districts' systems, built consensus

The goal

Transparency, simplicity, focus on students' interests

20.5 credits

Two tiers

Advanced and
On-level

Proposed Details

Top 10%
ranked

10% for
Advanced
Courses

Effects of Proposed Changes

Quantiles of AP/DC courses taken by top ranked 10%

Method	Top 10%	Top 7.5%	Top 5%	Top 2.5%	Valedictorian
Current	11	14	20	25	29
Proposed	10	16	19	21	29

Unadjusted GPAs for top ranked 10%

Method	Top 10%	Top 7.5%	Top 5%	Top 2.5%	Valedictorian
Current	89.8	92.8	94.2	95.8	99.3
Proposed	91.4	93.8	95.0	96.4	99.6*

*First and second ranked students switched places

Communications/Rollout Plan

Training

Trainings provided to principals, assistant principals, and counseling staff

Parent Meetings

Incoming Freshmen (Class of 2023) Parent Informational Nights at Each Campus

Outreach

Video clips and text on websites explaining the new GPA system. Social media links to changes

Middle School

Teaching the GPA system in middle school College and Career Readiness class