Graduating seniors shall be ranked within the graduating class for each high school upon the basis of weighted grade averages for the course grades, excluding the last semester/term (or last 18 weeks) of the senior year.

All high school credit grades including failing grades, repeated courses, summer school and night school, correspondence courses, and high school credit grades earned in middle school on the student's transcript shall be included in determining a student's grade point average and ranking in class. Grades from non-accredited schools, including home schooling, shall not be used to determine a student's grade point average for class ranking.

WEIGHTS

STUDENTS ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL PRIOR TO 2003–2004

Grade weights shall be assigned to grades earned by high school students for purposes of class ranking in accordance with the following scale:

Course	Weight
International Baccalaureate (IB) / Advanced Placement (AP)	+10 (only grade 70 and above)
Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) / Pre-International Baccalaureate (Pre-IB)/Honors/Dual Credit/Designated high school course credit earned in middle school	+5
Regular	+ 0
Below 70 in any course	+ 0

STUDENTS ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL 2003–04 AND THEREAFTER

Graduating seniors shall be ranked within the graduating class for each high school upon the basis of weighted grade averages for the course grades, excluding the last semester/term (or last 18 weeks) of the senior year. All semester grades shall be converted to a weighted rank point value system that recognizes differences in levels of difficulty between Advanced (AP and IB) and Pre-Advanced (Pre-AP/Dual Credit/Honors and Pre-IB). The grade point average shall be published following completion of the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh semester of any student.

All high school TEA approved state credit grades including failing grades, repeated courses, summer school, night school, correspondence courses, and grades earned by credit through exam shall be included in determining a student's grade point average and ranking in class. Grades from non-accredited schools, including home schooling, high school credit grades earned in middle school, local credit courses, locally developed courses that are substituted for state-accredited courses by an Individual Education

Plan by an ARD Committee decision and grades exempted by an ARD Committee decision shall not be used to determine a student's grade point average for class ranking.

HONOR GRADUATES

To be recognized for scholastic honors, students shall be required to maintain a numerical weighted average of 90 or more during the four-year high school program, excluding the last semester of the senior year.

VALEDICTORIAN / SALUTATORIAN

To be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian, a student shall:

1. Be classified as a senior by the number of earned academic credits, before the first day of the school year;
2. Have been in attendance in the District for two regular school years immediately preceding graduation;
3. Be continuously enrolled throughout the senior year at the campus granting the academic awards.

In cases of ties in weighted grade averages in the determination of valedictorian or salutatorian, the following methods shall be used to determine, or to identify, who shall be selected salutatorian or valedictorian:

1. Computing the weighted grade average to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken; or
2. f the tie cannot be broken numerically, using scores of the same standardized college entrance tests, if taken by all of the tying students.