CALCULATION

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank grades earned in all high school credit courses taken in grades 9–12, unless excluded below.

EXCLUSIONS

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in or by credit by examination, with or without prior instruction; credit recovery courses; dual credit courses not taught by District staff; correspondence courses; and distance learning courses.

WEIGHTED GRADE SYSTEM

CATEGORIES

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced Placement (AP)/Honors, Regular, and Modified Content/Local Credit in accordance with the provisions of this policy.

AP / HONORS

Eligible AP and honors courses designated in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as AP/Honors courses.

REGULAR

Courses not designated as AP/Honors or Modified Content/Local Credit courses in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

MODIFIED CONTENT / LOCAL CREDIT

Eligible courses designated in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as Modified Content/Local Credit courses.

MODIFIED COURSES

For purposes of determining class rank for honor positions, courses that have been modified by the student's ARD committee as to the methodology shall earn the same number of grade points assigned to Regular courses.

LOCAL CREDIT COURSES

Local credit shall be defined as a credit issued by the District for courses designed to enable students to master knowledge, skills, and competencies not included in the essential knowledge and skills of the required curriculum.

WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The District shall convert grades earned in eligible courses to grade points and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA) in accordance with the following chart:

Grade	AP/Honor	Regular	Modified Content/ Local Credit
100	6.0	5.0	4.0
99	5.9	4.9	3.9
98	5.8	4.8	3.8
97	5.7	4.7	3.7
96	5.6	4.6	3.6
95	5.5	4.5	3.5
94	5.4	4.4	3.4

Grade	AP/Honor	Regular	Modified Content/ Local Credit
93	5.3	4.3	3.3
92	5.2	4.2	3.2
91	5.1	4.1	3.1
90	5.0	4.0	3.0
89	4.9	3.9	2.9
88	4.8	3.8	2.8
87	4.7	3.7	2.7
86	4.6	3.6	2.6
85	4.5	3.5	2.5
84	4.4	3.4	2.4
83	4.3	3.3	2.3
82	4.2	3.2	2.2
81	4.1	3.1	2.1
80	4.0	3.0	2.0
79	3.9	2.9	1.9
78	3.8	2.8	1.8
77	3.7	2.7	1.7
76	3.6	2.6	1.6
75	3.5	2.5	1.5
74	3.4	2.4	1.4
73	3.3	2.3	1.3
72	3.2	2.2	1.2
71	3.1	2.1	1.1

TRANSFERRED GRADES

When a student transfers grades for properly documented and eligible courses, the District shall assign weight to those grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District if similar or equivalent courses are offered to the same class of students in the District.

For purposes of computing class ranking, a grade earned by a transfer student shall be included only if the course was taught by a staff member of a fully accredited district in which credit was earned.

LOCAL GRADUATION HONORS

For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank using

grades available at the end of the third nine-week grading period of the senior year. The grade for the third nine-week grading period shall be used as the semester grade for this purpose.

For the purpose of applications to institutions of higher education, the District shall also calculate class ranking as required by state law. The District's eligibility criteria for local graduation honors shall apply only for local recognitions and shall not restrict class ranking for the purpose of automatic admission under state law. [See EIC(LEGAL)]

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the eligible students with the highest and second highest ranking, respectively. To be eligible for such recognition, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation; and
2. Have completed the Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program for graduation.

BREAKING TIES

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs, covaledictorians shall be recognized and no salutatorian shall be named. For purposes of awarding the TEA scholarship to the District's highest ranking student, the District shall apply the following methods:

1. Compare scores on standardized college entrance tests if the same tests were taken by all students involved in the tie.
2. Compute the weighted GPA for all AP/Honors courses taken by each student involved in the tie.

If the tie is not broken after applying these methods, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.

HONOR GRADUATES

The District shall recognize as an honor graduate each student who has completed the Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program and was enrolled by the last day of the first nine-week grading period of his or her junior year.

TOP TEN STUDENTS

The District shall recognize at the graduation ceremony the top ten honor graduates.

CLASS RANKING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATES

At the end of the third nine-week grading period, weighted grade averages earned for courses taken in the subject areas of English/reading, mathematics, science, and social studies in grades 6–8 shall be computed only for the purpose of determining middle school District graduation honors. Grades earned through credit

by examination, with or without prior instruction, shall be excluded from class ranking computation.

TRANSFERRED GRADES

When a student transfers grades for properly documented and eligible courses, the District shall assign weight to those grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District.

For purposes of computing class ranking, a grade earned by a transfer student shall be included only if the course was taught by a staff member of a fully accredited district in which credit was earned.

WEIGHTED GRADE POINT SCALE

The District shall convert grades earned in eligible courses to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted GPA:

Grade	Regular
100	5.0
99	4.9
98	4.8
97	4.7
96	4.6
95	4.5
94	4.4
93	4.3
92	4.2
91	4.1
90	4.0
89	3.9
88	3.8
87	3.7
86	3.6
85	3.5
84	3.4
83	3.3
82	3.2
81	3.1
80	3.0
79	2.9
78	2.8

Grade	Regular
77	2.7
76	2.6
75	2.5
74	2.4
73	2.3
72	2.2
71	2.1

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the eligible students with the highest and second highest ranking, respectively. To be eligible for such recognition, a student must:

1. Have been enrolled for the four continuous semesters immediately preceding graduation; and

2. Have been enrolled and attended class by the last day of the first nine-week period of the seventh grade.

TIES

In the event of a tie, covaledictorians shall be named, and no salutatorian shall be named.