

**Consistent
Application for
Graduating Class**

The District shall apply the same rules for class rank calculation and local graduation honors to all students in a graduating class, regardless of the school year in which a student first earned high school credit.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating classes of 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken at any grade level, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in any local credit course, summer school, or credit recovery.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2024.

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken at any grade level, unless excluded below, but only in the following subject areas: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in summer school and credit recovery.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to all students, regardless of their graduating class.

**Weighted Grade
System**

Categories

*Advanced
Courses*

Eligible dual credit courses, other than career and technical education (CTE) courses; Advanced Placement (AP) courses; and other specific courses locally designated as honors courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

Regular Courses

All other eligible courses, including any eligible dual credit CTE courses, shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

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Weighted Grade
Point Average

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

Grade	Advanced	Regular
100	5.0	4.0
99	4.9	3.9
98	4.8	3.8
97	4.7	3.7
96	4.6	3.6
95	4.5	3.5
94	4.4	3.4
93	4.3	3.3
92	4.2	3.2
91	4.1	3.1
90	4.0	3.0
89	3.9	2.9
88	3.8	2.8
87	3.7	2.7
86	3.6	2.6
85	3.5	2.5
84	3.4	2.4
83	3.3	2.3
82	3.2	2.2
81	3.1	2.1
80	3.0	2.0
79	2.9	1.9
78	2.8	1.8
77	2.7	1.7
76	2.6	1.6
75	2.5	1.5
74	2.4	1.4
73	2.3	1.3
72	2.2	1.2
71	2.1	1.1
70	2.0	1.0
Below 70	0	0

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Transferred Grades	<p>When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Regular category and the District has accepted the credit, the District shall include the grades in the calculation of class rank.</p> <p>When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible to receive additional weight under the District's weighted grade system, the District shall assign additional weight to the grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District.</p>
Local Graduation Honors	<p>For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank in accordance with this policy and administrative regulations by using grades available at the time of calculation at the end of the fifth six-week grading period of the senior year.</p> <p>For the purpose of applications to institutions of higher education, the District shall also calculate class rank 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 rank for the purpose of automatic admission under state law. [See EIC(LEGAL)]</p>
Valedictorian and Salutatorian	<p>The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the eligible students with the highest and second-highest rank, respectively. To be eligible for this local graduation honor, a student must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation;2. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement; and3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school (regular fall and spring semesters).
<i>Ties</i>	<p>In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the third decimal place, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.</p>
Highest-Ranking Graduate	<p>The student meeting the local eligibility criteria for recognition as the valedictorian shall also be considered the highest-ranking graduate for purposes of receiving the scholarship certificate from the state of Texas.</p>