

Calculation	The District shall include in the calculation of class rank grades earned in all high school credit courses regardless of when the credit was earned, unless excluded below.
Exclusions	The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in or by credit by examination, with or without prior instruction; summer school; distance learning courses; and courses taken in a nonaccredited instructional setting.
Grade Point Average-Exempt Courses	<p>A junior or senior student may take certain courses on a grade point average (GPA)-exempt basis in accordance with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. GPA-exempt courses shall be limited to juniors and seniors who have maintained a GPA of at least 7.00.2. Courses beyond the credits required by the state for graduation may be taken as GPA-exempt courses, limited to two courses per semester, per student.3. The student must declare his or her intent to take a course on the GPA-exempt basis within the first three weeks of class.4. The numerical grade earned on a GPA-exempt course shall be posted on the transcript with no grade points.5. A third GPA exemption may be granted in a semester for band, choir, orchestra, or athletics, if applied to a third or fourth year course that is paired with another course in the same program. Specific courses shall be listed in the course description book.
Weighted Grade System	The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Honors and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy.
Honors Courses	Eligible Pre-Advanced Placement (AP), AP, and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses.
<i>Special Programs</i>	For Arlington Collegiate High School (ACHS) and the STEM Academy at Martin High School, specialized dual-credit courses listed in the AISD Course Guide for Specialized Program shall be categorized and weighed as Honors courses.
Regular Courses	All other eligible courses shall be designated as Regular courses.
Weighted GPA	The District shall convert grades earned in eligible courses to grade points and shall calculate a weighted GPA in accordance with the following chart:

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

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(LOCAL)

Numerical Grade Value	Regular	Honors
97–100	12	15
93–96	11	14
90–92	10	13
87–89	9	12
83–86	8	11
80–82	7	10
77–79	6	9
73–76	5	8
70–72	4	7
Below 70	0	0

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.

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 time of calculation at the end of the fifth six-week grading period of the senior year. The average of the fourth and fifth six-week grades 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 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)]

Special Programs
Stem Academy The calculation of class rank for the STEM Academy at Martin High School shall be included with class rank calculations for the comprehensive campus.

Achs For Arlington Collegiate High School at Tarrant County College, except for recognition of the Top 12 students, a student's class rank shall be reported in percentiles only. Specific rank in class shall not appear on any student's academic achievement record (transcript).

For the purpose of applications to institutions of higher education, the District shall provide students ranked in the top ten percent a certification of class rank containing the student's numerical rank in

	<p>class. When the District provides a top ten percent student's academic achievement record (transcript) to a college or university, it shall also provide a copy of the certification of class rank.</p>
Top 12 Students	<p>The 12 students with the 12 highest weighted GPAs on each campus shall be honored as the Top 12 students. To be eligible for recognition as one of the Top 12 students, including the valedictorian and salutatorian, a student must have been continuously enrolled in the same high school in the District for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation.</p>
<i>Valedictorian and Salutatorian</i>	<p>The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the eligible students with the highest and second-highest ranking, respectively, of the school's Top 12 students.</p>
<i>Breaking Ties</i>	<p>In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the thousandths place, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.</p>
Honor Graduates	<p>The District shall additionally recognize as an honor graduate each student who has graduated in the top 20 percent of his or her class in accordance with the following:</p>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<p>Each student who graduates in the top two percent of the class, including the valedictorian and salutatorian, shall be considered a summa cum laude graduate.</p> <p>To be eligible for summa cum laude honors, a student must have been continuously enrolled in the same high school in the District for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation.</p>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<p>Each student who graduates in the top ten percent of the class, including the valedictorian and salutatorian, shall be considered a magna cum laude graduate.</p>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<p>Each student who graduates in the top 20 percent of the class, including the valedictorian and salutatorian, shall be considered a cum laude graduate.</p>