

**Consistent
Application for
Graduating Class**

The District shall apply the same class rank calculation method and rules for local graduation honors for 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 2017 and 2018.

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 physical education, any course substituted for physical education, any fine arts course, any distance learning course, any assigned remediation or tutoring course, any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned, any course that requires payment for participation, and through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2019.

Calculation

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

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in any assigned remediation or tutoring course, any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned, any course that requires payment for participation, and through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

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

**Weighted Grade
System**

Categories

Advanced

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced, Honors, and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) and dual credit courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

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<i>Honors</i>	Eligible Pre-AP courses and other courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses.
<i>Regular</i>	All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.
Weighted Numerical Grade Average	The District shall assign weights to semester grades earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average, in accordance with the following:

Category	Weight
Advanced	plus 15
Honors	plus 10
Regular	plus 0

No points shall be added to failing grades.

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

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 only if the same course is offered to the same class of students in the District.</p>
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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>
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Valedictorian and
Salutatorian

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 in the graduating class of 2017 or 2018, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation; and
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2019, to be eligible for this local graduation honor, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation;
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school;
3. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement; and
4. Have earned credits in Pre-Calculus, AP English III, Honors Chemistry, and Physics.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages after calculation to the thousandths place, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.

**Highest-Ranking
Graduate**

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 honor graduate certificate from the state of Texas.