

**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.

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken in the following subject areas only: 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, any course for which credit is earned outside the regular school day, any unsupervised distance learning course, any unsupervised dual credit course, or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction. For students in the graduating classes of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, the calculation shall also exclude grades earned in the spring semester of the 2019–20 school year.

**Weighted Grade
System**

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Level I, Level II, Level III, and Level IV in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

**Weighted Numerical
Grade
Average**

The District shall assign weights to semester grades, including failing grades, earned in eligible courses and shall calculate a weighted numerical grade average in accordance with the following:

Category	Weight
Level IV	multiplied by 1.2
Level III	multiplied by 1.1
Level II	multiplied by 1.0
Level I	multiplied by 0.9

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

Transferred Grades

When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Level III category and the District has accepted the credit, the District shall include the grades in the calculation of class rank.

When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible to receive additional or lesser weight under the District's weighted grade system, the District shall assign additional or lesser weight to the grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District only if the same or similar courses are offered to the same class of students in the District.

Local Graduation Honors

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.

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)]

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, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation if enrolled in the District high school starting in the ninth grade year;
2. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the six semesters immediately preceding graduation if enrolled in the District high school starting after the ninth grade year;
3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and
4. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages after calculation to the third decimal place, the District shall recognize all students involved in a tie for valedictorian as sharing the honor and title; no salutatorian shall be recognized. In case of a tie for salutatorian, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

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(LOCAL)

**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.