

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
CLASS RANKING

EIC  
(LOCAL)

**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 grades 9–12 in the following subjects only: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English. The District shall use the grades from no more than five courses in each subject area. If a student takes more than five courses in a subject area, the five highest grades shall be used in the calculation of class rank.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in credit recovery and summer school or distance learning, unless the grade is earned in a course taken through the Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN); or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

**Weighted Grade  
System**

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

*Tier 1*

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, and dual credit courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier 1 courses.

*Tier 2*

Eligible courses not designated as Tier 1 or Tier 3 courses, including general education courses, shall be categorized and weighted as Tier 2 courses.

*Tier 3*

Eligible courses designated as local credit courses, preparatory courses for state-mandated assessments, or modified TEKS courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier 3 courses.

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	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
100	5.0	4.0	3.0
99	4.9	3.9	2.9
98	4.8	3.8	2.8
97	4.7	3.7	2.7
96	4.6	3.6	2.6
95	4.5	3.5	2.5

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<b>Grade</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>
94	4.4	3.4	2.4
93	4.3	3.3	2.3
92	4.2	3.2	2.2
91	4.1	3.1	2.1
90	4.0	3.0	2.0
89	3.9	2.9	1.9
88	3.8	2.8	1.8
87	3.7	2.7	1.7
86	3.6	2.6	1.6
85	3.5	2.5	1.5
84	3.4	2.4	1.4
83	3.3	2.3	1.3
82	3.2	2.2	1.2
81	3.1	2.1	1.1
80	3.0	2.0	1.0
79	2.9	1.9	0.9
78	2.8	1.8	0.8
77	2.7	1.7	0.7
76	2.6	1.6	0.6
75	2.5	1.5	0.5
74	2.4	1.4	0.4
73	2.3	1.3	0.3
72	2.2	1.2	0.2
71	2.1	1.1	0.1
70	2.0	1.0	0.05
69	1.9	0.9	0
68	1.8	0.8	0
67	1.7	0.7	0
66	1.6	0.6	0
65	1.5	0.5	0
64	1.4	0.4	0
63	1.3	0.3	0
62	1.2	0.2	0

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Grade	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
61	1.1	0.1	0
60	1.0	0	0
59	0.9	0	0
58	0.8	0	0
57	0.7	0	0
56	0.6	0	0
55	0.5	0	0
54	0.4	0	0
53	0.3	0	0
52	0.2	0	0
51	0.1	0	0
50	0	0	0

**Transferred Grades**

When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Tier 3 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 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.

**Local Graduation Honors**

For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank at the end of the third nine-week grading period of the senior year. Dual credit grades available at the time of calculation shall also be used.

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 the four semesters immediately preceding graduation; and

2. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

*Breaking Ties*

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the fourth decimal place, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian:

1. Count the number of weighted AP courses taken by each student involved in the tie.
2. Compute the weighted GPA of eligible AP courses to the third decimal place.

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.

**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.