

**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 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken in grades 9–12 only, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in any local credit course or credit recovery course or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

**Weighted Grade
System**

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

Categories

Academic

Eligible dual credit courses and other courses locally designated as Academic shall be categorized and weighted as Academic courses.

Regular

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

Weighted Numerical
Grade Average

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

Category	Weight
Academic	Plus 10 points
Regular	Plus 0 points

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 Regular 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 only if the same or an equivalent course is 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 third nine-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; and
2. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2020, to be eligible for this local graduation honor, a student must also be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

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 the tie as sharing the honor and title.

Highest-Ranking Graduate

The local eligibility criteria for recognition as the valedictorian shall not affect recognition of the highest-ranking graduate for purposes of receiving the honor graduate certificate from the state of Texas.

The District shall calculate class rank for this purpose at the end of the school year.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2022.

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses in the following subject areas only: English/language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English.

For the graduating class of 2022, the District shall include grades earned in eligible courses taken in grades 9–12 only. Beginning with the graduating class of 2023, the District shall include semester grades earned in eligible high school credit courses taken at any grade level.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in any local credit or credit recovery course; or earned through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

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

Academic

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Regular

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses, except as provided at Modified Content, below.

Modified Content

Any course for which a student’s admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee has provided in the student’s individualized education program (IEP) for the content to be modified with respect to the essential knowledge and skills shall be categorized and weighted as a Modified Content course.

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	Academic	Regular	Modified Content
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
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

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

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Grade	Academic	Regular	Modified Content
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
Below 70	0	0	0

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