

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 all 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 physical education, athletics, cheerleading, band, choir, local credit courses, student council, and courses substituted for physical education.

In addition, the calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned through distance learning, unless the grade is earned in a distance learning course either assigned to the student by the District or offered as a course option along with traditional District courses.

Weighted Grade System

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Weighted and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy.

Weighted Courses

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, dual credit, and other courses locally designated in the student handbook shall be categorized as Weighted courses.

Regular Courses

All other eligible courses shall be designated as Regular courses.

Weighted Grade Point Average

The District shall convert grades earned in eligible courses to grade points and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA) in accordance with the following chart:

Grade	Weighted	Regular
100	6.0	5.0
99	5.9	4.9
98	5.8	4.8
97	5.7	4.7
96	5.6	4.6
95	5.5	4.5
94	5.4	4.4
93	5.3	4.3
92	5.2	4.2

Grade	Weighted	Regular
91	5.1	4.1
90	5.0	4.0
89	4.9	3.9
88	4.8	3.8
87	4.7	3.7
86	4.6	3.6
85	4.5	3.5
84	4.4	3.4
83	4.3	3.3
82	4.2	3.2
81	4.1	3.1
80	4.0	3.0
79	3.9	2.9
78	3.8	2.8
77	3.7	2.7
76	3.6	2.6
75	3.5	2.5
74	3.4	2.4
73	3.3	2.3
72	3.2	2.2
71	3.1	2.1
70	3.0	2.0
69 and below	0	0

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.

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. The third nine-week grade 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)]

Valedictorian and
Salutatorian

The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the eligible students with the highest and second-highest rank, respectively. To be eligible for such recognition, a student must:

1. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement, and
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

Breaking Ties

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

1. Compute the weighted GPA to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.
2. Calculate a weighted GPA using only grades earned in Weighted courses.

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.

Honor Graduates

The District shall recognize as an honor graduate each student who has earned a cumulative weighted GPA of at least 4.0, regardless of graduation program.

**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.