

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 at any grade level, including the calculation of failing grades.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating classes of 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in physical education; athletics; band; student aid courses; theater arts; radio; and any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned.

Weighted Grade System

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

Categories

Advanced

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

Regular

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

Weighted Grade Point Average

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

Grade	Advanced	Regular
100	10.0	9.0
99	9.9	8.9
98	9.8	8.8
97	9.7	8.7
96	9.6	8.6
95	9.5	8.5
94	9.4	8.4
93	9.3	8.3
92	9.2	8.2
91	9.1	8.1
90	9.0	8.0
89	8.9	7.9

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88	8.8	7.8
87	8.7	7.7
86	8.6	7.6
85	8.5	7.5
84	8.4	7.4
83	8.3	7.3
82	8.2	7.2
81	8.1	7.1
80	8.0	7.0
79	7.9	6.9
78	7.8	6.8
77	7.7	6.7
76	7.6	6.6
75	7.5	6.5
74	7.4	6.4
73	7.3	6.3
72	7.2	6.2
71	7.1	6.1
70	7.0	6.0
Below 70	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.

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

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in physical education; a course substituted for physical education; athletic-

ics; student aid courses; any course for which credit is earned outside the regular school day or regular school year (except a dual credit course); any distance learning course (except a dual credit course); an assigned remediation or tutoring course; any local credit course; any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction (except a dual credit course).

Weighted Grade System

Categories

Advanced

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

Eligible AP, Pre-AP, dual credit, and honors courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

Regular

All courses other than those categorized and weighted as Advanced and Basic shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

Basic

All courses that have been modified as to the required content of the Texas essential knowledge and skills (TEKS) shall be categorized and weighted as Basic courses.

Weighted Grade Point Average

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

Grade	Advanced	Regular	Basic
100	10.0	9.0	8.0
99	9.9	8.9	7.9
98	9.8	8.8	7.8
97	9.7	8.7	7.7
96	9.6	8.6	7.6
95	9.5	8.5	7.5
94	9.4	8.4	7.4
93	9.3	8.3	7.3
92	9.2	8.2	7.2
91	9.1	8.1	7.1
90	9.0	8.0	7.0
89	8.9	7.9	6.9
88	8.8	7.8	6.8
87	8.7	7.7	6.7
86	8.6	7.6	6.6

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Grade	Advanced	Regular	Basic
85	8.5	7.5	6.5
84	8.4	7.4	6.4
83	8.3	7.3	6.3
82	8.2	7.2	6.2
81	8.1	7.1	6.1
80	8.0	7.0	6.0
79	7.9	6.9	5.9
78	7.8	6.8	5.8
77	7.7	6.7	5.7
76	7.6	6.6	5.6
75	7.5	6.5	5.5
74	7.4	6.4	5.4
73	7.3	6.3	5.3
72	7.2	6.2	5.2
71	7.1	6.1	5.1
70	7.0	6.0	5.0
Below 70	0	0	0

Transferred Grades

When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Basic or 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.

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

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.

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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;
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and
3. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement and at least one endorsement.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs 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.