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

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, and social studies. In addition, high school credit courses that count toward completion of an endorsement shall also 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 a distance learning course, unless the course is 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 Advanced, Honors, and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

Advanced

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) courses, dual credit courses, and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

Honors

Eligible Pre-AP courses and other courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Honors 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 in accordance with the following table and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA):

Grade	Advanced	Honors	Regular
100	6.0	5.0	4.0
99	5.9	4.9	3.9
98	5.8	4.8	3.8
97	5.7	4.7	3.7
96	5.6	4.6	3.6
95	5.5	4.5	3.5

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94	5.4	4.4	3.4
93	5.3	4.3	3.3
92	5.2	4.2	3.2
91	5.1	4.1	3.1
90	5.0	4.0	3.0
89	4.9	3.9	2.9
88	4.8	3.8	2.8
87	4.7	3.7	2.7
86	4.6	3.6	2.6
85	4.5	3.5	2.5
84	4.4	3.4	2.4
83	4.3	3.3	2.3
82	4.2	3.2	2.2
81	4.1	3.1	2.1
80	4.0	3.0	2.0
79	3.9	2.9	1.9
78	3.8	2.8	1.8
77	3.7	2.7	1.7
76	3.6	2.6	1.6
75	3.5	2.5	1.5
74	3.4	2.4	1.4
73	3.3	2.3	1.3
72	3.2	2.2	1.2
71	3.1	2.1	1.1
70	3.0	2.0	1.0
69	2.9	1.9	0.9
68	2.8	1.8	0.8
67	2.7	1.7	0.7
66	2.6	1.6	0.6
65	2.5	1.5	0.5
64	2.4	1.4	0.4
63	2.3	1.3	0.3
62	2.2	1.2	0.2

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Grade	Advanced	Honors	Regular
61	2.1	1.1	0.1
60	2.0	1.0	0
59	1.9	0.9	0
58	1.8	0.8	0
57	1.7	0.7	0
56	1.6	0.6	0
55	1.5	0.5	0
54	1.4	0.4	0
53	1.3	0.3	0
52	1.2	0.2	0
51	1.1	0.1	0
Below 51	0	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 only if a similar 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 week of the last six-week grading period of the senior year.

Grades received in May for dual credit courses shall also be included in the calculation.

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)]

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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 at least one endorsement.

Ties

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs, after calculation to the third decimal place, the District shall calculate a weighted GPA using only eligible grades in Advanced courses taken by each student involved in the tie for recognition as valedictorian.

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.