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.

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank grades earned in high school credit courses taken at any grade level, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

A student who has not earned credit for a course due to excessive absences shall have a grade of zero used in the calculation of his or her grade point average (GPA) and class rank.

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in physical education, any course substituted for physical education, athletics, band, and student aide.

If a student wishes to retake a course that he or she has already passed in grades 9–12, only the original grade shall count toward grade rank average. No grade or credit shall be awarded for the course when taken the second time. A failed course may be re-taken, and all grades for that course shall count toward class rank.

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

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

Eligible courses not designated as Advanced or Other by the District shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

Eligible modified and local credit courses designated by the District shall be categorized and weighted as Other courses.

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

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<th>Grade</th>
<th>Advanced</th>
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<td>100–90</td>
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<td>Below 70</td>
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| Transferred Grades | When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Regular or Other 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. |
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| 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 fifth six-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;  
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. |
| Breaking Ties | In case of a tie for valedictorian in weighted GPAs after calculation to the fifth decimal place, the District shall recognize co-valedictorians, and no salutatorian shall be named.  
In case of a tie for salutatorian in weighted GPAs, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title. |
| Honor Graduates | Beginning with the class of 2021, the District shall recognize as an honor graduate each student who has completed the foundation |
program with the distinguished level of achievement and has a cumulative weighted GPA of at least 4.0.

**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.