

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 grades 9–12 only.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned.

Weighted Grade System

Categories

The District shall categorize and weight eligible Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Pre-AP, and dual credit courses, as well as eligible courses that have been designated as honors courses by the District or by a sending district on a transcript, in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Weighted Numerical Grade Average

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

Category	Weight
AP, IB, and Dual Credit	plus 15 points
Pre-AP and Honors	plus 10 points
All other eligible courses	plus 0

No points shall be added to failing grades in any type of course.

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

Transferred Grades

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 quarter grading period of the senior year.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

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.

Ties

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages after calculation to the fifth decimal 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.