

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 grades earned in all high school credit courses regardless of when the credit was earned, unless excluded below.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in or by a local credit course; summer school; and credit by examination, with or without prior instruction. In addition, courses not required under an authorized graduation plan, courses with no academic or educational component, and courses taken from an unaccredited source shall also be excluded.

**Weighted Grade
System**

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

Weighted Grade
Point Average

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

Transferred Grades

When a student transfers grades for properly documented and eligible courses, the District shall assign weight to those grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District if similar courses are 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 using grades available at the time of calculation at the end of the last three-week progress reporting period of the last nine-week grading period of the senior year. The current class averages as of the last three-week progress reporting period shall be used as the semester grade for the last nine-week grading period.

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 ranking, respectively. To be eligible for such recognition, a student must have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the two school years immediately preceding graduation.

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No Ties

In order to recognize only one student as valedictorian and one student as salutatorian, the District shall calculate weighted GPAs to a sufficient number of decimal places so that no ties exist among eligible students.

Conduct

To qualify to give the valedictorian or salutatorian speech, a student shall not have engaged in any serious misconduct violation of the Student Code of Conduct, including removal to a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP), a three-day suspension, or expulsion during his or her last two semesters.

Early Graduation

A student's class rank shall be determined within the graduating class of the school year in which the student completes all requirements for a diploma, regardless of the number of years the student is enrolled in high school. To qualify for valedictorian or salutatorian honors, an early graduate shall have been enrolled in the District high school for the two school years immediately preceding graduation.

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.