

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
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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

Effective through the class of 2020, the District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken in grades 9–12 only.

Beginning with the class of 2021, the District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken at any grade level.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Weighted Grade System

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as College, Accelerated, and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy.

Categories

College Courses

Eligible courses taken through a community college, junior college, or university offered as dual credit or concurrent enrollment and designated in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as College courses. These courses shall include courses offered through distance learning at the District high school.

Accelerated Courses

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, and other courses locally designated as honors courses in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as Accelerated courses.

A student who scores a 3 or higher on the AP exam in a course has the option of using that score, weighted as a College course, instead of the class average, weighted as an Accelerated course, to count towards his or her grade point average (GPA) for class rank.

Regular Courses

All other eligible courses shall be designated 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 GPA in accordance with the following chart:

Grade	College	Accelerated	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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Grade	College	Accelerated	Regular
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
Below 70	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 the same or 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 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.

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)]

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 three school years immediately preceding graduation;
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and
3. Have completed the Recommended Program, the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, or the foundation program with at least one endorsement.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs, after calculation to the ten thousandths place, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.

Honor Graduates

Students with a minimum weighted GPA of 3.6 on either the college or the accelerated scale shall be recognized as honor graduates.

Membership in the top ten percent of the graduating class shall be determined by weighted GPAs.

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.