

**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.

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**Note:** The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating classes of 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.

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**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, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in any course for which credit is earned outside the regular school day or regular school year, any assigned remediation or tutoring course, and any local credit course.

**Weighted Grade  
System**

Categories

*Advanced*

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

For the graduating class of 2018, eligible Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, dual credit, Anatomy and Physiology, and languages other than English (LOTE) III and IV courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

For the graduating classes of 2019, 2020, and 2021, eligible AP, Pre-AP, dual credit, and LOTE III and IV courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced 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 and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA) in accordance with the following chart:

Grade	Advanced	Regular
100	5.0	4.0
99	4.9	3.9
98	4.8	3.8
97	4.7	3.7
96	4.6	3.6
95	4.5	3.5

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
CLASS RANKING

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<b>Grade</b>	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>Regular</b>
94	4.4	3.4
93	4.3	3.3
92	4.2	3.2
91	4.1	3.1
90	4.0	3.0
89	3.9	2.9
88	3.8	2.8
87	3.7	2.7
86	3.6	2.6
85	3.5	2.5
84	3.4	2.4
83	3.3	2.3
82	3.2	2.2
81	3.1	2.1
80	3.0	2.0
79	2.9	1.9
78	2.8	1.8
77	2.7	1.7
76	2.6	1.6
75	2.5	1.5
74	2.4	1.4
73	2.3	1.3
72	2.2	1.2
71	2.1	1.1
70	2.0	1.0
Below 70	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 for the number of courses that are offered to the same class of students in the District and are given additional weight under the District's system. The District shall assign extra weight based on the order in which the courses were taken.

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**Note:** The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2022.

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**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, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in any course for which credit is earned outside the regular school day or regular school year, including summer school; any distance learning course; any local credit course; any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; college credits that are not dual credit; LOTE courses taken concurrently outside normal school hours; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

**Weighted Grade System**

Categories

*Level III*

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Level III, Level II, and Level I in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Eligible AP courses, dual credit courses, and other courses locally designated as advanced shall be categorized and weighted as Level III courses.

*Level II*

Eligible Pre-AP courses, academic decathlon courses, and independent student mentorship (ISM) courses shall be categorized and weighted as Level II courses.

*Level I*

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Level I 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	Level III	Level II	Level I
100	5.0	4.5	4.0
99	4.9	4.4	3.9
98	4.8	4.3	3.8
97	4.7	4.2	3.7
96	4.6	4.1	3.6

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<b>Grade</b>	<b>Level III</b>	<b>Level II</b>	<b>Level I</b>
95	4.5	4.0	3.5
94	4.4	3.9	3.4
93	4.3	3.8	3.3
92	4.2	3.7	3.2
91	4.1	3.6	3.1
90	4.0	3.5	3.0
89	3.9	3.4	2.9
88	3.8	3.3	2.8
87	3.7	3.2	2.7
86	3.6	3.1	2.6
85	3.5	3.0	2.5
84	3.4	2.9	2.4
83	3.3	2.8	2.3
82	3.2	2.7	2.2
81	3.1	2.6	2.1
80	3.0	2.5	2.0
79	2.9	2.4	1.9
78	2.8	2.3	1.8
77	2.7	2.2	1.7
76	2.6	2.1	1.6
75	2.5	2.0	1.5
74	2.4	1.9	1.4
73	2.3	1.8	1.3
72	2.2	1.7	1.2
71	2.1	1.6	1.1
70	2.0	1.5	1.0
Below 70	0	0	0

Transfer Grades

When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Level I 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 for the number of courses that are offered to the same class of students in the District and are given additional weight under the District's system. The District shall assign extra weight based on the order in which the courses were taken.

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

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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 second progress report during the fourth quarter 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 five 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 in weighted GPAs after calculation to the third decimal point, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian:

1. Calculate a weighted GPA using only eligible grades in Advanced/Level III courses taken by each student involved in the tie. The student with the higher GPA shall be recognized as the valedictorian.
2. Count the number of Advanced/Level III courses taken by each student involved in the tie. The student with the greater number of Advanced/Level III courses shall be recognized 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. No salutatorian shall be recognized.

**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.