Note: The following provisions shall apply to the graduating classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

A student’s rank in class shall be determined according to the following:

1. Rank shall be determined after all grades are recorded.
2. Grades earned for all high school credit courses (except as noted below) shall be computed.
3. Final senior rank shall be determined after the third nine-week grading period of the student’s senior year.

Determination of rank in class shall include all courses except the following: student aide, independent study, correspondence courses, online courses, credit by examination (with or without prior instruction), summer school programs abroad, courses repeated for local credit, and college courses (with the exception of courses in the PISD/CCCC Concurrent Enrollment Program and advanced college courses not offered in the District curriculum course offerings). [See exceptions for Plano Academy High School, below]

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the two students with the highest weighted grade point average (GPA) who have been enrolled in the District continuously commencing with enrollment no later than the first day of the second nine-week grading period of each student’s junior year until graduation.

A senior enrolling in the District on the first day of the second nine-week grading period and thereafter shall be ranked by a percentile rank.

Graduation Honors

Students who reach the following standards of excellence based on their cumulative GPA shall be recognized as follows:

- Summa cum laude 4.3 or higher
- Magna cum laude 4.0–4.2
- Cum laude 3.6–3.9

Business rules for rounding apply; when the number in the second decimal place is 5 or higher, the number shall be rounded up.

Honors shall be determined at the end of the third nine-week grading period of the senior year.
The calculation of cumulative GPA shall include grades earned in all courses taken for high school credit except the following: student aide; independent study; correspondence courses; online courses; summer school programs abroad; courses taken for no credit; college courses (with the exception of courses in the PISD/Collin College Dual Credit Program); advanced college courses not offered in the District curriculum course offerings; and through credit by examination. [See exceptions for Plano Academy High School, below]

Grade Points

To determine GPA for graduation, grade points shall be assigned to courses in grades 9–12 according to the level of the course. The levels of courses shall be Advanced Placement (AP)/International Baccalaureate (IB), Honors, Regular, Modified, Applied/Fundamental, and Basic/Developmental.

AP/IB courses are nationally/internationally recognized for their advanced level of curriculum. Students may have the potential to earn college credit for these courses. District courses in this category, and grade points assigned, are listed in EIC(EXHIBIT).

Pre-AP and Pre-IB/Honors courses are those courses in which the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) are extended and enriched, resulting in an academically rigorous curriculum.

Regular courses are those courses that provide a challenging curriculum in a variety of offerings based on TEKS.

Modified courses are those courses in which a student receives a modification to the essential knowledge and skills. This designation denotes a special education grade. A student may receive modifications in a course through an individualized education program (IEP) that is developed through deliberations of the admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee.

Applied/Fundamental courses are those courses that have more significant modifications to the essential knowledge and skills and have been determined by the ARD committee to be appropriate for the student.

Basic/Developmental courses are those courses that are taught at the prerequisite level and have been determined by the ARD committee to be appropriate for the student.

Grade points for grades 9–12 shall be assigned according to the chart below:
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[See exceptions for Plano Academy High School, below]

### The Plano Academy High School

Except as required by law, students at the Plano Academy High School shall not receive a class rank. No weighted grade points shall be awarded for courses taken at the Plano Academy High School. Grade points shall be awarded at the end of each semester on a 4.0 scale as follows:

- A 4.0
- B 3.0
- C 2.0
- F 0.0

Beginning with students entering grade 9 at the Plano Academy High School in the 2016–17 school year, grade points shall be awarded at the end of each semester on a 4.5 scale as follows:
Beginning with students entering grade 9 at the Plano Academy High School in the 2018–19 school year, any high school level course taken prior to grade 9 shall not receive weighted grade points for purposes of determining the valedictorian, salutatorian, and for top ten percent rank.

**Note:** The following exception applies to students beginning with the graduating class of 2021 and is due to the COVID-19 remote learning.

At the end of the fourth nine-weeks grading period of the 2019–2020 school year, the final fourth nine-weeks grade shall be listed as 100 for **Met Standard (MS)** or 69 for **Not Met Standard (NM)** for all courses taken. The third and fourth nine-week grading periods shall be averaged for the second-semester grade. The Plano Academy High School shall continue to operate under the current grading system in place on that campus.

These grading adjustments shall not apply to dual credit classes. Dual credit grades are based on the grading system of the District’s partner, Collin College.

For students on all campuses, the student shall choose one of the following for their spring 2020 semester GPA calculation:

1. Spring semester averages shall count toward the student’s GPA for all high school courses taken in spring 2020; or

2. Students may choose, by the deadline set by the District, to opt out of having the grades for courses taken in spring 2020 included in the calculation of the GPA reported by the District.

**Note:** The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2023.

Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2019–20 school year, rank in class shall only be calculated for and communicated to students in the top ten percent of each class:
1. A ranking GPA shall be determined using only specific high school credit courses limited to courses in math, science, social studies, and English which the Texas Education Agency has identified as eligible to count as a graduation credit. [See EIC(EXHIBIT)]

2. Courses are not calculated in ranking GPA when credit is earned by way of eSchool, credit by examination, or summer school abroad programs.

3. Class rank or ranking GPA shall not be recorded on student transcripts.

4. Ranking GPA shall be calculated for and communicated to students at these specified times:
   a. In grade 11: Early fall, February, and June;
   b. In grade 12: September, February, and following the third grading period.

   Final senior rank shall be determined after the third nine-week grading period of the student’s senior year.

5. When requested, the District shall provide to each student in the top ten percent a certificate of class rank containing the student’s specific numerical rank out of the specific total class size.

6. Rank shall be determined after all grades are recorded.

Cumulative GPA

The all-inclusive cumulative GPA shall be calculated for all high school students and shall appear on student transcripts.

Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2019–20 school year, the calculation of the student’s cumulative GPA shall include grades earned in all courses taken for high school credit except in the following: student aide; independent study; correspondence courses; online courses; Academic Decathlon; summer school programs abroad; courses taken for no credit; college courses (with the exception of courses in the PISD/Collin College Dual Credit Program); advanced college courses not offered in the District curriculum course offerings; and through credit by examination. [See exceptions for Plano Academy High School, below]

In order to receive weighted credit for a Distinguished or Honors level course, a student must be enrolled in the course at the beginning of the semester.

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**Grade Points**

To determine GPA for graduation, grade points shall be assigned to courses in grades 9–12 according to the level of the course. The levels of courses shall be Distinguished, Honors, Regular, Modified, Applied/Fundamental, and Basic/Developmental.

Distinguished and Honors level course qualifications shall be found in EIC(REGULATION). District courses in these categories are listed in EIC(EXHIBIT).

In order to receive weighted credit for a Distinguished or Honors level course, a student must be enrolled in the course at the beginning of the semester.

Students may not receive weighted credit by “contract” or “option.”

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Beginning with students entering grade 9 at the Plano Academy High School in the 2018–19 school year, any high school level credits earned prior to grade 9 that are earned as pass/fail at Plano
Exception

Academy High School shall be excluded from grade point average calculations. Any other high school level course taken prior to grade 9 shall not receive weighted grade points.

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