

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 semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken in grades 8–12 in the following subject areas only: English, mathematics, science, social studies and languages other than English.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

**Weighted Grade
System**

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

Categories

Tier I

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Pre-AP courses, dual credit courses, and locally designated gifted and talented and honors courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier I courses.

Tier II

Eligible courses that are not categorized as Tier I or Tier III shall be categorized and weighted as Tier II courses.

Tier III

Eligible courses that have been modified by a student’s ARD committee as to the required Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and reflected in that student’s IEP shall be classified and weighted as Tier III courses. Courses for which only methodology has been modified for a student, however, shall be classified according to the regular grade weight system under Tier II.

Weighted Grade
Point Average

The District shall convert semester grades earned in eligible courses to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA):

Grade	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III
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
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

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Grade	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III
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

Transfer Credit

When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Tier III 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 a similar or equivalent course is 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

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grades available at the time of calculation at the end of the third nine-week grading period 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 from which the student is graduating for the four semesters preceding graduation; and
2. 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 fourth decimal place, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian and salutatorian: Count the number of Tier I courses taken by each student involved in the tie.

2. Calculate an unweighted numerical grade average for each student involved in the tie using only eligible grades earned in the four semesters immediately preceding graduation.

Honor Graduates

The District shall recognize as honor graduates all students who meet the following:

1. Achieve a GPA of 4.25 or above.
2. Complete the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

**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.