

**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.

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

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken at any grade level, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in summer school; a distance learning course, unless the course is either assigned to the student by the District or offered as a course option along with traditional District courses; any local credit course; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

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

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken at any grade level, unless excluded below, but only in the following subject areas: English, mathematics, science, and social studies.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in summer school; a distance learning course, unless the course is either assigned to the student by the District or offered as a course option along with traditional District courses; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

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

**Weighted Grade
System**

Categories

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Dual Credit/Advanced Placement (AP), Honors, Regular, and Basic in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Dual Credit / AP

Eligible AP and dual credit courses shall be categorized and weighted as Dual Credit/AP courses.

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Honors Eligible courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses.

Regular All eligible courses other than those categorized as Dual Credit/AP, Honors, and Basic shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

Basic All courses that have been modified as to the required content of the Texas essential knowledge and skills (TEKS) shall be categorized and weighted as Basic courses.

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 | Dual Credit/ AP | Honors | Regular | Basic |
|-------|-----------------|--------|---------|-------|
| 100 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| 99 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 3.9 |
| 98 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 3.8 |
| 97 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 3.7 |
| 96 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 3.6 |
| 95 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 3.5 |
| 94 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 3.4 |
| 93 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 3.3 |
| 92 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 3.2 |
| 91 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 3.1 |
| 90 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 |
| 89 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 3.9 | 2.9 |
| 88 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 2.8 |
| 87 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 2.7 |
| 86 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 3.6 | 2.6 |
| 85 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 2.5 |
| 84 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 2.4 |
| 83 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 2.3 |
| 82 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 2.2 |
| 81 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 2.1 |
| 80 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| 79 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 1.9 |

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| Grade | Dual Credit/ AP | Honors | Regular | Basic |
|----------|-----------------|--------|---------|-------|
| 78 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 1.8 |
| 77 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 1.7 |
| 76 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 1.6 |
| 75 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 1.5 |
| 74 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 1.4 |
| 73 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 1.3 |
| 72 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 1.2 |
| 71 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 1.1 |
| 70 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 |
| Below 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Transferred Grades

When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Regular or Basic 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 a similar 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 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:

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1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the three school years immediately preceding graduation; and
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

Ties

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

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.

The District shall calculate class rank for this purpose at the end of the school year.