

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank only semester grades earned in grades 9–12 for high school credit in the following subjects: English, mathematics (not including math electives), science, and social studies.

District-approved distance learning courses in these subjects, including approved courses taken through the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN), shall be included in class rank calculations.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in or by credit by examination, with or without prior instruction; summer school courses, except courses taken for acceleration; and distance learning courses not approved for this purpose.

Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA)

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

Numeric Grade	Dual Credit, Advanced Placement (AP), and Pre-AP	Regular	Letter Grade
97–100	6.00	4.00	A
93–96	5.75	3.75	A
90–92	5.50	3.50	A
85–89	5.25	3.25	B
80–84	5.00	3.00	B
75–79	4.50	2.50	C
70–74	4.00	2.00	D

Transferred Grades

When a student transfers grades for properly documented and eligible courses, the District shall assign weight to those grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District.

Students transferring into the District shall receive the numerical grade that was earned in courses at another school. Letter grades shall be recorded as follows:

Conversion Scale							
A+	98	B+	88	C+	78	D+	74
A	95	B	85	C	77	D	72
A-	92	B-	82	C-	75	D-	70
						F	60

**Local Graduation
Honors**

Class rank for all students in grades 10–12 shall be calculated three times per year, following the first full semester, the second full semester, and at the completion of all summer school programs. Official class rankings for students in grade 9 shall be calculated only after the completion of the second full semester and all summer school programs.

For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank using grades available at the time of calculation at the end of the third nine-week grading period of the senior year. The grade for the third nine-week grading period shall be used as the semester grade for this purpose.

For the purpose of applications to institutions of higher education, the District shall also calculate class ranking 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 ranking for the purpose of automatic admission under state law. [See EIC(LEGAL)]

Valedictorian,
Salutatorian, and
Distinguished
Scholar

The valedictorian, salutatorian, and distinguished scholar shall be the eligible students with the highest, second highest, and third highest ranking, respectively. To be eligible for such recognition, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the same high school in the District for the three school years immediately preceding graduation;
2. Have completed the Recommended Program, the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, or the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement; and
3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted grade point averages among the top ranking students, the following methods shall be used to determine who shall be recognized as salutatorian or valedictorian:

1. The weighted grade point average shall be computed to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.
2. However, if a tie still remains, the student with the highest numerical grade average of all Pre-AP, AP, and dual credit courses taken shall be designated.