

**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 any local credit course.

**Weighted Grade
System**

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced Placement (AP); Dual Credit, Pre-AP, and Honors; and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy.

Categories

*Advanced
Placement*

Eligible AP courses shall be categorized and weighted as AP courses.

*Dual Credit, Pre-
AP, and Honors*

Eligible dual credit courses, Pre-AP courses, and other courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Dual Credit, Pre-AP, and Honors courses.

Regular

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

Weighted Numerical
Grade Average

The District shall assign weights to semester grades earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average in accordance with the following scale:

| Category | Weight |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Advanced Placement | plus 10 |
| Dual Credit, Pre-AP, and Honors | plus 5 |
| Regular | plus 0 |

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

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 grading 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 similar course is offered to the same class of students in the District.

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.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in any local credit course; any course for which credit is earned outside the regular school day or regular school year; any distance learning course; a dual credit course taken anywhere other than the District high school; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

Weighted Grade System

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

Categories

Tier I

Eligible Advance Placement (AP), Pre-AP, and dual credit courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier I courses.

Tier II

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier II 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 | Tier I | Tier II |
|-------|--------|---------|
| 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 |
| 94 | 4.4 | 3.4 |

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| Grade | Tier I | Tier II |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 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 Tier II 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 grading 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.

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

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 sixth week of the fourth 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 same District high school for the four 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.

No Ties

In order to recognize only one student as valedictorian and one student as salutatorian, the District shall calculate weighted GPAs or weighted numerical grade averages, as applicable, to a sufficient number of decimal places so that no ties exist among eligible students.

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.