

**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 9–12 only, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

**Exclusions**

Grades earned in any distance learning course, summer school course, Odyssey course, local elective course, pass/fail course, remediation course, or through credit by examination with or without prior instruction shall not be included in this calculation.

**Weighted Grade System**

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Honors and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

**Categories**

*Honors*

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Pre-AP courses, and other courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses.

*Regular*

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

**Course Changes**

Any student who changes courses during a semester shall be given the grade weight of the course in which he or she was enrolled at the end of the semester.

**Weighted Grade Point Average**

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

Grade	Honors	Regular
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
93	4.3	3.3
92	4.2	3.2
91	4.1	3.1

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Grade	Honors	Regular
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	0.0

**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 grade system, the District shall assign additional weight to the grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by 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 spring semester of the senior year.

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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 in the graduating class of 2017, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the 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 Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2018, to be eligible for this local graduation honor, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the 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.

*Breaking Ties*

In case of a tie for valedictorian or salutatorian, the following tie-breakers shall be used in the following order:

1. The student who has the highest weighted GPA in Honors courses shall be named valedictorian.
2. The student who has taken the most Honors courses shall be named valedictorian.
3. The student who has taken the most courses that have been used to compute the weighted GPA shall be named valedictorian.

In the event a tie still exists after using the tie-breaking measures above, covalledictorians shall be declared, and there shall not be a salutatorian.

**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.