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**Note:** The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating classes of 2016, 2017, and 2018.

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**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

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in distance learning, accelerated courses, credit recovery courses, pass/fail courses, credit for courses not recognized by TEA, credit awarded in a nonaccredited instructional setting, and credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

**Weighted Grade System**

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as International Baccalaureate/Advanced Placement, Pre-AP/Pre-IB/Dual Credit, Advanced Courses/Honors Courses/Global High Core Courses, and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

*International Baccalaureate / Advanced Placement*

Eligible International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses shall be categorized and weighted as International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

*Pre-AP/Pre-IB / Dual Credit*

Eligible Pre-AP, Pre-IB, and dual credit courses shall be categorized and weighted as Pre-AP, Pre-IB, and dual credit courses.

*Advanced Courses / Honors Courses / Global High Core Courses*

Eligible Advanced Courses, Honor Courses, Global High Core Courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced Courses, Honor Courses, and Global High Core Courses.

*Regular*

Eligible regular courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular 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):

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| Grade | IB / AP | Pre-AP / Pre-IB / Dual Credit | Advanced Courses / Honors Courses / Global High Core Courses | Regular |
|-------|---------|-------------------------------|--|---------|
| 100   | 5.5     | 5.0                           | 4.5  | 4.0     |
| 99    | 5.4     | 4.9                           | 4.4  | 3.9     |
| 98    | 5.3     | 4.8                           | 4.3  | 3.8     |
| 97    | 5.2     | 4.7                           | 4.2  | 3.7     |
| 96    | 5.1     | 4.6                           | 4.1  | 3.6     |
| 95    | 5.0     | 4.5                           | 4.0  | 3.5     |
| 94    | 4.9     | 4.4                           | 3.9  | 3.4     |
| 93    | 4.8     | 4.3                           | 3.8  | 3.3     |
| 92    | 4.7     | 4.2                           | 3.7  | 3.2     |
| 91    | 4.6     | 4.1                           | 3.6  | 3.1     |
| 90    | 4.5     | 4.0                           | 3.5  | 3.0     |
| 89    | 4.4     | 3.9                           | 3.4  | 2.9     |
| 88    | 4.3     | 3.8                           | 3.3  | 2.8     |
| 87    | 4.2     | 3.7                           | 3.2  | 2.7     |
| 86    | 4.1     | 3.6                           | 3.1  | 2.6     |
| 85    | 4.0     | 3.5                           | 3.0  | 2.5     |
| 84    | 3.9     | 3.4                           | 2.9  | 2.4     |
| 83    | 3.8     | 3.3                           | 2.8  | 2.3     |
| 82    | 3.7     | 3.2                           | 2.7  | 2.2     |
| 81    | 3.6     | 3.1                           | 2.6  | 2.1     |
| 80    | 3.5     | 3.0                           | 2.5  | 2.0     |
| 79    | 3.4     | 2.9                           | 2.4  | 1.9     |
| 78    | 3.3     | 2.8                           | 2.3  | 1.8     |
| 77    | 3.2     | 2.7                           | 2.2  | 1.7     |
| 76    | 3.1     | 2.6                           | 2.1  | 1.6     |
| 75    | 3.0     | 2.5                           | 2.0  | 1.5     |
| 74    | 2.9     | 2.4                           | 1.9  | 1.4     |
| 73    | 2.8     | 2.3                           | 1.8  | 1.3     |
| 72    | 2.7     | 2.2                           | 1.7  | 1.2     |

| Grade | IB / AP | Pre-AP / Pre-IB / Dual Credit | Advanced Courses / Honors Courses / Global High Core Courses | Regular |
|-------|---------|-------------------------------|--|---------|
| 71    | 2.6     | 2.1                           | 1.6  | 1.1     |
| 70    | 2.5     | 2.0                           | 1.5  | 1.0     |
| <70   | 0.0     | 0.0                           | 0.0  | 0.0     |

**Transferred Grades** 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 an 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 grades available at the time of calculation at the end of the fifth six-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)]

**Three Year Graduate** A student who wishes to graduate in less than four years shall be required to declare his or her intent by completing an early graduate declaration form, which must be signed by the student, parent, counselor, and principal before the beginning of the spring term of the sophomore year. An early graduate shall be eligible for all graduation honors, provided he or she meets the requirements, and shall be ranked in the class with which he or she actually graduates.

**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 2016, 2017, and 2018, a student must:

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1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation and enrollment must have commenced no later than the end of the first 15 school days of the first semester of the student's junior year; and
2. Have completed the Recommended Program, the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, or the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

*Breaking Ties*

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

**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.

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**Note:** The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2019.

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**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 grades 9-12 taken in the following subject areas only: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and other courses designated by the course selection guide.

*Exclusions*

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in distance learning, accelerated courses, credit recovery courses, pass/fail courses, credit for courses not recognized by TEA, credit awarded in a nonaccredited instructional setting, and credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

**Weighted Grade System**

*Categories*

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as International Baccalaureate, Advance Placement/Dual Credit, Pre-Advanced Placement/Pre-International Baccalaureate/Independent Study, Advanced Courses, Honors Courses, Global High Core Courses and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

*International Baccalaureate*

Eligible International Baccalaureate (IB) courses shall be categorized and weighted as International Baccalaureate courses.

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*Advanced Placement / Dual Credit* Eligible courses Advanced Placement (AP) and dual credit courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced Placement (AP) and dual credit courses.

*Pre-Advanced Placement / Pre-International Baccalaureate / Independent Study* Eligible Pre-AP, Pre-IB, and Independent Study courses shall be categorized and weighted as Pre-AP, Pre-IB, and Independent Study courses.

*Advanced Courses / Honors Courses / Global High Core Courses* Eligible Advanced Courses, Honor Courses, and Global High Core courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses, Honor courses, and Global High Core courses.

*Regular* Eligible Regular courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular 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 | IB  | AP/<br>Dual<br>Credit | Pre-AP /<br>Pre-IB /<br>Independent<br>Study | Advanced<br>Courses /<br>Honors<br>Courses /<br>Global<br>High Core<br>Courses | Regular |
|-------|-----|-----------------------|--|--|---------|
| 100   | 6.0 | 5.5                   | 5.0  | 4.5  | 4.0     |
| 99    | 5.9 | 5.4                   | 4.9  | 4.4  | 3.9     |
| 98    | 5.8 | 5.3                   | 4.8  | 4.3  | 3.8     |
| 97    | 5.7 | 5.2                   | 4.7  | 4.2  | 3.7     |
| 96    | 5.6 | 5.1                   | 4.6  | 4.1  | 3.6     |
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| 71    | 3.1 | 2.6                   | 2.1  | 1.6  | 1.1     |
| 70    | 3.0 | 2.5                   | 2.0  | 1.5  | 1.0     |
| <70   | 0.0 | 0.0                   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0     |

International  
Baccalaureate /  
Advanced  
Placement Exams

A student shall take the IB or AP exam in any IB and/or Advanced Placement course to receive the weighted grade points of 6.0 and 5.5 respectively. A student who chooses to forego the IB exam in an IB class shall revert to a weighted grade point average of 5.5 for the IB class. A student who chooses to forego an AP exam in an AP class shall revert to a weighted grade point average of 5.0 for the AP class.

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