

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank grades earned in all high school credit courses regardless of when the credit was earned, unless excluded below.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in or by physical education; athletics; choir; an assigned remediation or tutoring course; a local credit course; English as a second language (ESL); marketing; credit by examination, with or without prior instruction; courses substituted for physical education; summer school; and distance learning.

Weighted Grade System

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Honors, Academic, and Regular in accordance with the descriptions in the District High School Course Guide. If taken in middle school, Algebra I shall be considered an Honors course for class rank purposes.

Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA)

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

Grade	Honors	Academic	Regular
100	6.0	5.0	4.0
99	5.9	4.9	3.9
98	5.8	4.8	3.8
97	5.7	4.7	3.7
96	5.6	4.6	3.6
95	5.5	4.5	3.5
94	5.4	4.4	3.4
93	5.3	4.3	3.3
92	5.2	4.2	3.2
91	5.1	4.1	3.1
90	5.0	4.0	3.0
89	4.9	3.9	2.9
88	4.8	3.8	2.8
87	4.7	3.7	2.7
86	4.6	3.6	2.6
85	4.5	3.5	2.5
84	4.4	3.4	2.4
83	4.3	3.3	2.3
82	4.2	3.2	2.2
81	4.1	3.1	2.1

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Grade	Honors	Academic	Regular
80	4.0	3.0	2.0
79	3.9	2.9	1.9
78	3.8	2.8	1.8
77	3.7	2.7	1.7
76	3.6	2.6	1.6
75	3.5	2.5	1.5
74	3.4	2.4	1.4
73	3.3	2.3	1.3
72	3.2	2.2	1.2
71	3.1	2.1	1.1
70	3.0	2.0	1.0

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 if the same or equivalent courses are 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 using grades available at the time of calculation at the end of the fifth six-week grading period of the senior year. The average of the fourth and fifth six-week grades 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 and Salutatorian The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the eligible students with the highest and second highest ranking, respectively. To be eligible for such recognition, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation, beginning with the first day of instruction in the junior year;
2. Have completed the Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program for graduation; and

3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian:

1. Compute the weighted GPA to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken;
2. Compare the number of weighted courses taken by each student involved in the tie;
3. Calculate a weighted GPA only using eligible grades earned in English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English; and
4. Compare scores on standardized college entrance tests if the same tests were taken by all students involved in the tie.

If the tie is not broken after applying these methods, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.

Honor Graduates

The student with the third highest ranking and who meets the eligibility for valedictorian or salutatorian as described above shall be recognized as the class historian.

The District shall also recognize as an honor graduate each student who has earned a cumulative weighted GPA of at least 4.0 and is graduating under the Recommended or Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program.

Other Recognitions

In addition, the District shall recognize at the graduation ceremony all students whose weighted GPAs comprise the top ten percent of the students in the graduating class.