

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.																		
Exclusions	The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned by credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.																		
Weighted Grade System	The District shall categorize and weight courses as Advanced and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy.																		
Categories																			
<i>Advanced Courses</i>	Eligible AP, Pre-AP, and other courses locally designated as advanced courses in the course catalog shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.																		
<i>Regular Courses</i>	All other eligible courses shall be designated as Regular courses.																		
Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA)	The District shall convert semester grades into grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted GPA:																		
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Transferred Grades	When a student transfers grades for properly documented courses, the District shall assign weight to those grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District.																		
Local Graduation Honors	<p>For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank 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.</p> <p>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)]</p>																		
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 completed no less than 21 units and 42 class sessions at the end of the first semester of the senior year;
2. Have been continuously enrolled in the same high school in the District for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation; and
3. Have completed the Recommended Program, the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, or the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

Once identified, the campus coordinating principal shall review the records of each eligible student for any of the following:

1. A referral to a DAEP during the student's junior or senior year.
2. An infraction of cheating that resulted in disciplinary action.
3. A transfer to a District high school during the student's junior or senior year.

The coordinating principal shall determine if the student's records need to be referred to a District-level review committee consisting of the deputy superintendent of instruction and area superintendents.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs, the District shall calculate a weighted GPA only using eligible grades earned in English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian.

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