

Each year, class rank of graduating senior students shall be calculated on the basis of their grade point average (GPA) at the end of the first semester preceding graduation. Effective for incoming grade 9 students as of the 2017–18 school year, the GPA shall only include semester averages of courses taken and completed in grades 9–12 for credit, except for some special education courses that may not be used in calculating class rank. [See the *School Guidelines*.]

**Weighted-Course
Type**

All Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) and International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IBMYP) high school level courses, and all AP, IB, dual enrollment, and dual credit courses that have been approved by their respective accrediting organizations shall receive weighted-course credit.

The only other high school courses that shall be considered to receive weighted credit shall be in content areas for which there are no Pre-AP, IBMYP, AP, IB, or dual credit course titles and that are requested by and approved for specific campuses and have received Board approval.

Dual credit courses, having not received weighted-course credit in the past, shall begin receiving weighted-course credit in the fall semester of 2015. No weighted-course credit shall be given retroactively.

In the event that a course is offered under multiple categories as Pre-AP, IBMYP, AP, IB, dual enrollment, and dual credit at the same school, the categorization best aligned to the student's endorsements and diploma program shall be the deciding factor.

Weights

Grades received in courses shall be weighted as follows:

Grade	Regular Courses	Weighted Courses
A (90–100)	4	5
B (80–89)	3	4
C (75–79)	2	3
D (70–74)	1	2
F (to 69)	0	0

Percentile ranks shall be established for each school by dividing the total number of students in the regular graduating class by the appropriate percentile.

**Valedictorian and
Salutatorian**

The student with the highest GPA, whether in the regular or magnet program, shall receive valedictorian honors; the student with the second-highest GPA shall be salutatorian. To be eligible for

these honors, the student shall have been enrolled in the school from which he or she is graduating from the first day of the junior academic year, with the exception of students classified as migrant, homeless, in foster care, or with a parent in the military. Students in those exceptional circumstances shall be eligible for valedictorian and salutatorian honors without any term of enrollment or residency requirements.

Honor Students

To be eligible for academic honors, a student shall have maintained an average of at least "B" and earned his or her last 5 credits at the school in which the awards are presented.

The top five percent of the graduating class shall be designated as graduating with Highest Honors.

The next highest ten percent of the graduating class shall be designated as graduating with Honors.

Effective Date

This policy shall be effective as of the adoption date, August 11, 2017.