

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
CLASS RANKING

EIC  
(LOCAL)

**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 at any grade level, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in physical education; any courses substituted for physical education; athletics; band; summer school; any local credit course; any fine arts course; any course for which credit is earned outside the regular school day; any dual credit course taken anywhere other than the District high school; any assigned remediation or tutoring course; any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

**Weighted Grade System**

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

Categories

*Advanced*

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

*Honors*

Eligible Pre-AP courses shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses.

*Regular*

All other eligible 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 | Advanced | Honors | 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     |

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|--------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 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            |
| 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            |
| Below 70     | 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 only if 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.

Grades received in May for dual credit courses shall also be included in the calculation.

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, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the three years 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.

*Ties*

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

**Highest-Ranking Graduate**

The local eligibility criteria for recognition as the valedictorian shall not affect recognition of the highest-ranking graduate for purposes of receiving the honor graduate certificate from the state of Texas.

The District shall calculate class rank for this purpose at the end of the school year.