

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 in the following subject areas only: English, mathematics, science, and social studies.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

**Exclusions**

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in any elective course; any academic course taken as a substitute for a physical education course; an assigned remediation or tutoring course; any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; summer school; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

In addition, the calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in a distance learning course, unless the grade is earned in a course taken through the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN).

**Weighted Grade  
System**

**Categories**

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced, Pre-Advanced Placement (AP), College Preparatory (CP), and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

*Advanced  
Courses*

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

*Pre-AP Courses*

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

*College  
Preparatory  
Courses*

Eligible CP courses shall be categorized and weighted as CP courses.

*Regular Courses*

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

**Weighted Grade  
Point Average**

The District shall convert semester grades in eligible courses to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA):

Quality of Work	Numerical Grade	AP/Dual Credit	Pre-AP	CP	Regular
Excellent	100	4.9	4.3	3.4	3.1
	99	4.8	4.2	3.3	3.0
	98	4.7	4.1	3.2	2.9

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	97	4.6	4.0	3.1	2.8
	96	4.5	3.9	3.0	2.7
	95	4.4	3.8	2.9	2.6
	94	4.3	3.7	2.8	2.5
	93	4.2	3.6	2.7	2.4
	92	4.1	3.5	2.6	2.3
	91	4.0	3.4	2.5	2.2
	90	3.9	3.3	2.4	2.1
Fair	89	3.8	3.2	2.3	2.0
	88	3.7	3.1	2.2	1.9
	87	3.6	3.0	2.1	1.8
	86	3.5	2.9	2.0	1.7
	85	3.4	2.8	1.9	1.6
	84	3.3	2.7	1.8	1.5
	83	3.2	2.6	1.7	1.4
	82	3.1	2.5	1.6	1.3
	81	3.0	2.4	1.5	1.2
	80	2.9	2.3	1.4	1.1
Passing	79	2.8	2.2	1.3	1.0
	78	2.7	2.1	1.2	0.9
	77	2.6	2.0	1.1	0.8
	76	2.5	1.9	1.0	0.7
	75	2.4	1.8	0.9	0.6
	74	2.3	1.7	0.8	0.5
	73	2.2	1.6	0.7	0.4
	72	2.1	1.5	0.6	0.3
	71	2.0	1.4	0.5	0.2
	70	1.9	1.3	0.4	0.1
	Below 70	0	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 based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District if a

	similar or an equivalent course is offered to the same class of students in the District.
<b>Local Graduation Honors</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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)]</p>
Honor Graduates	The District shall recognize the following two categories of local honor graduates.
<i>Mission Merit Graduate</i>	<p>To be a Mission Merit Graduate, a student must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Receive credit for eight or more state-approved Pre-AP, AP, and/or dual credit courses;</li><li>2. Rank in the top quartile of the class according to the weighted GPAs;</li><li>3. Have not earned a failing semester grade in any course; and</li><li>4. Complete the graduation requirements for the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.</li></ol> <p>A student who qualifies as a Mission Merit Graduate shall be eligible to wear an honor stole during graduation ceremonies.</p>
<i>Mission Academic Excellence Award</i>	<p>The Mission Academic Excellence award shall be given to the number of students equal to the top five percent of the senior class. Calculation of the weighted GPA for this award shall be based on grades earned through the first semester of the senior year. To be eligible to receive this recognition, a student must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Complete a combined total of eight or more Pre-AP, AP, and dual credit courses during the student's freshman, sophomore, and junior years;</li><li>2. Have not earned a failing semester grade in any course; and</li><li>3. Complete the graduation requirements for the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.</li></ol>

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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 same District high school for the four regular semesters immediately preceding graduation; and
2. Have qualified for the Mission Academic Excellence Award.

The District shall also recognize the third-ranking student meeting the same eligibility criteria listed above.

*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. Count the number of weighted AP and dual credit courses taken by each student involved in the tie.
2. Calculate a weighted GPA using only AP and dual credit courses.

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.

**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.