

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 grades 9–12, unless excluded below.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in summer school; any local credit course; any test prep course; any assigned remediation or tutoring course; and any distance learning course, unless the course is either assigned to the student by the District or offered as a course option along with traditional District courses.

**Weighted Grade  
System**

For students in the graduating classes of 2018, 2019, and 2020, the District shall categorize and weight eligible courses, convert semester grades earned in eligible courses to grade points, and calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA), in accordance with administrative regulations published in the student handbook.

Transferred Grades

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 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 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.

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,  
Salutatorian, and  
Distinguished Honor  
Graduate

The valedictorian, salutatorian, and distinguished honor graduate shall be the eligible students with the highest, second highest, and third 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 two school years immediately preceding graduation;

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2. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement; and
3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

*Ties*

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the third decimal place, 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.