

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in all high school credit courses regardless of when the credit was earned, unless excluded below.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in or by physical education; athletics; cheerleading; a local credit course; a course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; credit by examination, with or without prior instruction; courses substituted for physical education; and summer school taken to regain credit.

Weighted Grade System – Grade 9 Before 2012–13

For students who entered grade 9 before the 2012–13 school year, the District shall categorize and weight courses as Advanced and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy.

Categories

Advanced Courses

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, and dual credit courses designated in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

Regular Courses

All other eligible courses shall be designated as Regular courses.

Weighted Grade System – Beginning with Grade 9 in 2012–13

Beginning with students who entered grade 9 in the 2012–13 school year, the District shall categorize and weight courses as Advanced, Pre-Advanced, and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy.

Categories

Advanced Courses

Eligible AP and dual credit courses designated in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

Pre-Advanced Courses

Eligible Pre-AP courses designated in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as Pre-Advanced courses.

Regular Courses

All other eligible courses shall be designated as Regular courses.

Weighted Numerical Grade Average

The District shall assign weights to passing semester grades and shall calculate a weighted numerical grade average in accordance with the following scale:

Category	Weight
Advanced	plus ten
Pre-Advanced	plus five
Regular	plus zero

	<p>The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.</p>
Transferred Grades	<p>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 if the same courses are offered to the same class of students in the District.</p>
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 fifth six-week grading period of the senior year. The average of the fourth and fifth six-week grades 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	<p>The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the eligible students with the highest and second highest ranking, respectively.</p> <p>To be eligible for such recognition, a student must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation;2. Have completed the Recommended Program, the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, or the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement; and3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.
<i>Breaking Ties</i>	<p>In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages after calculation to the sixth decimal place, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.</p>
Honor Graduates	<p>For students who entered grade 9 before the 2014–15 school year, District honor graduates shall include students who have completed the Recommended Program, the Advanced/Distinguished Level of Achievement Program, the foundation program with an endorsement, or the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement. The District shall recognize eligible honor graduates in accordance with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. High Honors: students who have earned a weighted numerical grade average above 90 and who are ranked in places 3–20.

2. Honors: all other students who have earned a weighted numerical grade average above 90.
3. Red Cord: students who have completed at least five AP courses.

Beginning with students who entered grade 9 in the 2014–15 school year, the District shall recognize as a high honor graduate the top 20 students who have:

1. Completed the foundation program with an endorsement or the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement;
2. Completed eight AP, pre-AP, or dual credit courses; and
3. Earned all course credit through standard course acquisition methods.