

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

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**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 grades earned in all high school credit courses taken in grades 9–12, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in a local credit course; distance learning courses, including correspondence courses; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

**Weighted Grade
System**

Categories

*Advanced
Courses*

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

Eligible AP, honors, dual credit, and practicum/internship-level career and technical education (CTE) courses shall be categorized as Advanced courses.

Advanced courses shall receive advanced credit based on the number of academic credits in accordance with administrative regulations and shall be noted on the student's academic achievement record or transcript.

Regular Courses

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

Weighted Grade
Point Average

The District shall convert semester grades earned in all eligible courses to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate an unweighted GPA:

Grade	Grade Points
100	5.0
99	4.9
98	4.8
97	4.7
96	4.6
95	4.5
94	4.4
93	4.3
92	4.2
91	4.1

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90	4.0
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88	3.8
87	3.7
86	3.6
85	3.5
84	3.4
83	3.3
82	3.2
81	3.1
80	3.0
79	2.9
78	2.8
77	2.7
76	2.6
75	2.5
74	2.4
73	2.3
72	2.2
71	2.1
70	2.0
Below 70	0

The District shall not calculate a weighted GPA for students until completion of the first semester of grade 10. When a student has earned the required number of advanced academic credits (AAC), the District shall calculate a weighted GPA using a 1.25 multiplier in accordance with the following chart. A student who has not completed the required number of AAC by the end of each semester shall have his or her GPA reverted to unweighted status.

Grade Level	Semester	Advanced Academic Credits Required
10	1	6
10	2	6
11	1	6
11	2	10

Grade Level	Semester	Advanced Academic Credits Required
12	1	13
12	2	16

Fidelity Points

Each student who participates in and completes four years of an eligible course and related extracurricular activity, as applicable, during high school shall be awarded a fidelity point. A student may substitute a fidelity point for up to two Advanced courses. The list of eligible courses shall be designated in administrative regulations.

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 weight in accordance with the AAC chart above, the District shall assign weight to those grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District if the same course is offered to the same class of students in the District and the student has earned the required number of AAC to determine a weighted GPA.

A transfer student shall be eligible to earn fidelity points for properly documented courses and participation in eligible activities in accordance with the provisions above and administrative regulations.

Local Graduation Honors

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.

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 two full school years immediately preceding graduation;
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.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the fourth decimal place, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian:

1. Calculate a weighted GPA using only eligible grades earned in English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English taken by each student involved in the tie.
2. Count the number of AAC earned by each student involved in the tie.
3. Calculate an unweighted GPA using only eligible grades in Advanced courses taken by each student involved in the tie.

If the tie is not broken after applying this method, 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 scholarship certificate from the state of Texas.

The District shall award the honor graduate scholarship certificate to the highest ranking student attending a state university or college.