

**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.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in summer school and in any credit recovery course.

**Weighted Grade
System**

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

Dual credit courses in English, mathematics, science, and social studies shall also be categorized as AP/Pre-AP for purposes of calculating class rank.

**Weighted Grade
Point Average**

The District shall convert semester grades earned in eligible courses to grade points in accordance with administrative regulations and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA) [see EIC(REGULATION)].

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 a similar 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.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

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 have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for two consecutive school years immediately preceding graduation. For purposes of this policy, two school years shall mean enrolled in the high school no later than the end of the first six weeks of the school year and continuously thereafter.

*Highest Ranking
Boy/Girl*

If both the valedictorian and salutatorian are of the same sex, the highest-ranking student of the opposite sex shall be recognized at graduation as the highest-ranking boy or highest-ranking girl. To be eligible for this honor, the student must have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for two consecutive school years immediately preceding graduation. For purposes of this policy, two school years shall mean enrolled in the high school no later than the end of the first six weeks of the school year and continuously thereafter.

Breaking 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.

To determine who will receive appropriate awards, the District shall average the numerical grades of the students involved in the tie.

**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.