

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank 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; dance; gymnastics; band; choir; an assigned remediation or tutoring course; a local credit course; and credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

In addition, for students graduating prior to 2019, the calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in dual credit courses and through distance learning, unless the grade is earned in a distance learning course either assigned to the student by the District or offered as a course option along with traditional District courses.

Weighted Grade System

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced, General Education, and Special in accordance with provisions of this policy.

Categories

Advanced Courses

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) and Pre-AP courses and other courses locally designated as honors courses in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2019, dual credit courses shall be eligible categorized and weighted as Advanced courses. The student must pass the dual credit course with at least a 70 in order to receive Advanced weight.

General Education Courses

Eligible courses not designated as Advanced or Special shall be categorized and weighted as General Education courses.

Special Courses

All eligible courses categorized and weighted as Special courses shall be listed in the student handbook.

Weighted Numerical Grade Average

The District shall assign weights to grades earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average, in accordance with the following scale:

Category	Weight
Advanced	plus 10 points
General Education	plus 5 points
Special	plus zero

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

Transferred Grades When a student transfers grades for properly documented and eligible courses, 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.

Local Graduation Honors

For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank using grades available at the time of calculation 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.

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 such recognition, a student must:

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 at least one endorsement; and
3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian:

1. Compute the weighted numerical grade average to five decimal places.
2. Compare the number of Advanced courses taken by each student involved in the tie.

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.

The District shall recognize all students involved in a tie for salutatorian as sharing the honor and title.

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Honor Graduates

The District shall recognize as an honor graduate each student who has completed the Recommended Program, the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, or the foundation program with at least one endorsement with a cumulative weighted numerical grade average no lower than 90 in all academic courses.