

**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, in the following subject areas only: English, mathematics, science, and social studies.

The calculation shall include failing grades until a failing grade is replaced with a passing grade.

**Weighted Grade System**

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

Categories

*Advanced Courses*

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Pre-AP courses, dual credit courses, On-Ramps courses, and locally designated honors courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

For purposes of calculating class rank, a letter grade earned in an eligible dual credit course shall be assigned a numeric grade in accordance with administrative regulations.

*Regular Courses*

All other eligible courses shall be designated as Regular courses.

Weighted Grade Point Average

The District shall convert semester grades earned in eligible courses to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA):

Grade	Advanced	Regular
100	5.0	4.0
99	4.9	3.9
98	4.8	3.8
97	4.7	3.7
96	4.6	3.6
95	4.5	3.5
94	4.4	3.4
93	4.3	3.3
92	4.2	3.2
91	4.1	3.1
90	4.0	3.0
89	3.9	2.9
88	3.8	2.8

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Grade	Advanced	Regular
87	3.7	2.7
86	3.6	2.6
85	3.5	2.5
84	3.4	2.4
83	3.3	2.3
82	3.2	2.2
81	3.1	2.1
80	3.0	2.0
79	2.9	1.9
78	2.8	1.8
77	2.7	1.7
76	2.6	1.6
75	2.5	1.5
74	2.4	1.4
73	2.3	1.3
72	2.2	1.2
71	2.1	1.1
70	2.0	1.0
Below 70	0	0

**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 grades for courses that would be eligible to receive additional weight under the District's weighted grade system, 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.

For purposes of calculating class rank, a transferred letter grade earned in an eligible course shall be assigned a numeric grade in accordance with administrative regulations.

**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 spring semester of the senior year.

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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)]

Valedictorian and  
Salutatorian

The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the eligible students with the highest and second-highest ranking, respectively. To be eligible for this local honor, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled, by the first school day after Labor Day, in the District high school for the four semesters 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.

*Ties*

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the fourth decimal place, 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 certificate from the state of Texas.