

**Calculation**

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank grades earned in all courses to which state graduation credit is applied, unless excluded below.

**Exclusions**

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in a credit recovery course or by credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

**Weighted Numerical Grade Average**

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

Category	Weight
Advanced	plus 10 points
Regular	plus zero

The District shall record weighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

All Advanced Placement (AP) and dual credit courses shall be designated as Advanced courses. The list of other eligible courses considered to be Advanced shall be designated in the District's course catalog.

**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 or similar courses are 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)]

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
CLASS RANKING

EIC  
(LOCAL)

Valedictorian and  
Salutatorian

The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the eligible students with the highest and second highest ranking, 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 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 numerical grade averages after calculation to the thousandths place, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.

**Students Who  
Entered Grade 9  
Prior to the 2013–14  
School Year**

Students who entered grade 9 prior to the 2013–14 school year shall be ranked in accordance with this policy unless a student would experience a change in ranking if transferred to this new calculation system. In that instance, the particular class would continue to be ranked under the weighted grade point average (GPA) previously in place prior to the 2013–14 school year.