

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

**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 all high school courses taken at any grade level, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in a course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned, a course not recognized by TEA, a course taken in a nonaccredited instructional setting, and a local credit course.

**Weighted Grade
System**

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

Tier I

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, dual credit, and other courses locally designated as Tier 1 shall be categorized and weighted as Tier I courses.

Tier II

All eligible courses not designated as Tier I or Tier III shall be categorized and weighted as Tier II courses.

Tier III

Eligible courses locally designated as accelerated courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier III 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	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III
100	6.0	5.0	4.0
99	5.9	4.9	3.9
98	5.8	4.8	3.8
97	5.7	4.7	3.7
96	5.6	4.6	3.6
95	5.5	4.5	3.5
94	5.4	4.4	3.4
93	5.3	4.3	3.3

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Grade	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III
92	5.2	4.2	3.2
91	5.1	4.1	3.1
90	5.0	4.0	3.0
89	4.9	3.9	2.9
88	4.8	3.8	2.8
87	4.7	3.7	2.7
86	4.6	3.6	2.6
85	4.5	3.5	2.5
84	4.4	3.4	2.4
83	4.3	3.3	2.3
82	4.2	3.2	2.2
81	4.1	3.1	2.1
80	4.0	3.0	2.0
79	3.9	2.9	1.9
78	3.8	2.8	1.8
77	3.7	2.7	1.7
76	3.6	2.6	1.6
75	3.5	2.5	1.5
74	3.4	2.4	1.4
73	3.3	2.3	1.3
72	3.2	2.2	1.2
71	3.1	2.1	1.1
70	3.0	2.0	1.0
69 or below	0.0	0.0	0.0

Transferred Grades

When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Tier III category and the District has accepted the credit, the District shall include the grades in the calculation of class rank.

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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 or an equivalent 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.

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 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 rank, respectively. To be eligible for this local graduation honor, a student must:

1. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement; and
2. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation.

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 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.