

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

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**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 only, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned and any grades earned through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

In addition, a student shall be permitted to exclude from the calculation of his or her class rank any eligible course that is not required for completion of his or her personal graduation plan.

**Weighted Grade
System**

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Tier 3, Tier 2, and Tier 1 in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

Tier 3

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) courses, dual credit courses, and courses locally designated as advanced shall be categorized and weighted as Tier 3 courses.

Tier 2

Eligible Pre-AP courses and other courses locally designated as college readiness courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier 2 courses.

Tier 1

All other eligible courses, including specifically designated local credit courses, shall be categorized and weighted as Tier 1 courses.

Weighted Numerical
Grade Average

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

Category	Weight
Tier 3	multiplied by 1.15
Tier 2	multiplied by 1.10
Tier 1	multiplied by 1.00

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

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Transferred Grades When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Tier 1 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 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 spring semester of the senior year, including final exam grades and grades in dual credit courses.

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 this local graduation honor, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the same District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation; and
2. Have completed the foundation program with at least one endorsement.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages after calculation to the ten-thousandths place, the District shall count the number of Tier 3 courses taken by each student involved in the tie in order to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian:

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.