

**Calculation** The District shall include in the calculation of class rank grades earned in eligible high school credit courses regardless of when the credit was earned.

**Beginning in the 2014–15 School Year** Application of the following provisions begins with students who graduate in the 2014–15 school year and thereafter.

The grade point average (GPA) shall be calculated using a three-tier system and shall include eligible courses listed in the course catalogue.

**Weighted Grade System** The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses in accordance with provisions of this policy.

Categories

*Advanced Courses* Eligible Advanced Placement (AP), honors, and dual credit courses designated in the course catalogue shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

*Regular Courses* Eligible courses designated in the course catalogue shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

*Modified Courses* All other eligible courses shall be designated in the course catalogue as Modified courses. These courses shall include, but not be limited to, special education courses.

**Weighted Grade Point Average** The District shall convert grades earned in eligible courses to grade points and shall calculate a weighted GPA in accordance with the following:

Grade	Advanced	Regular	Modified
100	5.0	4.0	3.0
99	4.9	3.9	2.9
98	4.8	3.8	2.8
97	4.7	3.7	2.7
96	4.6	3.6	2.6
95	4.5	3.5	2.5
94	4.4	3.4	2.4
93	4.3	3.3	2.3
92	4.2	3.2	2.2
91	4.1	3.1	2.1
90	4.0	3.0	2.0
89	3.9	2.9	1.9
88	3.8	2.8	1.8

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CLASS RANKING

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Grade	Advanced	Regular	Modified
87	3.7	2.7	1.7
86	3.6	2.6	1.6
85	3.5	2.5	1.5
84	3.4	2.4	1.4
83	3.3	2.3	1.3
82	3.2	2.2	1.2
81	3.1	2.1	1.1
80	3.0	2.0	1.0
79	2.9	1.9	0.9
78	2.8	1.8	0.8
77	2.7	1.7	0.7
76	2.6	1.6	0.6
75	2.5	1.5	0.5
74	2.4	1.4	0.4
73	2.3	1.3	0.3
72	2.2	1.2	0.2
71	2.1	1.1	0.1
70	2.0	1.0	0.0

**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 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 such recognition, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the 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 GPA after calculation to the thousandths place, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.

Honor Graduates

The District shall recognize as an honor graduate each student who has completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement and graduates in the top ten percent.

**Transfer Credit**

Students transferring into the District shall receive the numerical grade that was earned in courses at another school. Letter grades shall be recorded as follows:

Conversion Scale	
A	95
B	85
C	75
D	70
F	60

**Early Graduation**

To be eligible to graduate in three years, a student shall complete all coursework and exit-level testing required of other students in his or her freshman class.

The student shall be ranked with the graduating class according to his or her GPA. A three-year graduate shall be allowed to tie in rank with a four-year graduate but shall not be allowed to displace in rank a four-year student.

Three-year graduates shall not be eligible for the honors positions of valedictorian or salutatorian but shall be eligible to apply for all other scholarships.

**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.