

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 high school credit 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 any assigned remediation or tutoring course; any distance learning course; any summer school course taken for credit recovery; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

**Weighted Grade  
System**

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

Categories

*Weighted  
Courses*

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, and dual credit courses for which the District offers an equivalent course shall be categorized and weighted as Weighted courses.

*Regular*

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

Weighted Grade  
Point Average

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

Grade	Weighted	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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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
69	1.9	.9
68	1.8	.8
67	1.7	.7
66	1.6	.6
65	1.5	.5
64	1.4	.4
63	1.3	.3
62	1.2	.2
61	1.1	.1
60	1.0	.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 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.

**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 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 in the graduating class of 2017, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the two school years immediately preceding graduation;
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and
3. Have completed the Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2018, to be eligible for this local graduation honor, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the two school years immediately preceding graduation;
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and
3. Have completed the foundation program with at least one endorsement.

*Breaking Ties*

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the thousandths place, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian:

1. Calculate a weighted GPA using only eligible grades earned in English, mathematics, science, social studies, and any languages other than English taken by each student involved in the tie.

2. Compare the number of weighted courses taken by each student involved in the tie.

If the tie is not broken after applying these methods, 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.