

**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

For students in the graduating classes of 2017, 2018, and 2019, the District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken in grades 9–12 only, and taken in the following subject areas only: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English, unless excluded below.

Beginning with students in the graduating class of 2020, the District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken at any grade level and taken in the following subject areas only: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in summer school, any traditional correspondence course, any local credit course, any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned, any course taken through a packaged electronic curriculum that categorized and weighted as a Regular course, or any dual credit course taken through a college with which the District does not have a partnership agreement or which does not count as a high school credit toward graduation.

**Weighted Grade
System**

Categories Prior to
the 2015–16 School
Year

For courses taken before the 2015–16 school year, the District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Honors and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Honors

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and dual credit courses, as well as eligible courses locally designated as honors, shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses.

Regular

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

Categories
Beginning with the
2015–16 School
Year

Beginning with courses taken during the 2015–16 school year, the District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Distinguished, Honors, and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

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Distinguished Eligible AP, IB, and dual credit courses shall be categorized and weighted as Distinguished courses.

Honors Eligible courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Honors 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 in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA):

Grade	Distinguished	Honors	Regular
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
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

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Grade	Distinguished	Honors	Regular
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
Below 70	0	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 only if the same course is offered to the same class of students in the District. Any transferred weighted courses not also offered by the District shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

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 penultimate 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, 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 Recommended Program, the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, or the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

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Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the fifth decimal 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, with a weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher, the Recommended Program, the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, or the foundation program with at least one endorsement.

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.

The District shall calculate class rank for this purpose at the end of the school year.