

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.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating classes of 2017 and 2018.

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 physical education, athletics, and any local credit course. After a student earns credit in a course, no additional grades for the course shall be used in the calculation if the student repeats the course.

Weighted Grade System

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

Categories

Honors

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, and dual credit courses, as well as other courses locally designated as Honors, shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses. Any course taken before grade 9 for high school credit shall be weighted as an Honors course.

Modified Content Courses

Any course that has been modified by a student's admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee as to the required content of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and reflected as such in that student's individualized education program (IEP) shall be classified and weighted as a Modified Content course. A course for which only the methodology has been modified for a student, however, shall be classified and weighted as a Regular or Honors course, as appropriate.

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	Honors	Regular	Modified Content
100	6.0	5.0	4.0
99	5.9	4.9	3.9

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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
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 or Modified Content 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 Honors 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, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District for the entire period of enrollment in high school; and
2. Have earned number grades (i.e., not pass/fail) in all courses required for graduation.

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

All graduating students meeting any of the following criteria shall be recognized as honor graduates:

1. Earned a cumulative GPA of 4.5 or higher, without rounding.
2. Completed the Recommended Program with a GPA of 4.0 or higher, without rounding.
3. Completed the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, regardless of GPA.

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.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2019.

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1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the two school years immediately preceding graduation; and
2. Have completed the foundation program with at least two endorsements.

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