> **Note:** The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating class of 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

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.

The District shall recalculate the rank and cumulative grade point average (GPA) of students in grades 9–11 in August and after January 15 of each year. The GPAs of students graduating in the current school year shall be recalculated in August, after January 15, after the fifth six weeks, and at the end of the second semester.

The target dates for recalculations shall be determined prior to the beginning of each school year. Rank and GPA calculations for students in grades 7-8 shall not be calculated or archived unless the students are taking courses for high school credit.

WEIGHTED GRADE SYSTEM

CATEGORIES

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Tier One, Tier Two, and Tier Three in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

TIER ONE

Eligible general education courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier One courses.

TIER TWO

Eligible Pre-AP courses, IH, and dual non-core courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier Two courses.

TIER THREE

Eligible AP, IB, and dual core courses shall be categorized as Tier Three 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	Tier One	Tier Two	Tier Three
100	5.00	6.00	6.50
99	4.90	5.88	6.37
98	4.80	5.76	6.24
97	4.70	5.64	6.11
96	4.60	5.52	5.98
95	4.50	5.40	5.85
94	4.40	5.28	5.72
93	4.30	5.16	5.59
92	4.20	5.04	5.46
91	4.10	4.92	5.33
90	4.00	4.80	5.20
89	3.90	4.68	5.07

Grade	Tier One	Tier Two	Tier Three
88	3.80	4.56	4.94
87	3.70	4.44	4.81
86	3.60	4.32	4.68
85	3.50	4.20	4.55
84	3.40	4.08	4.42
83	3.30	3.96	4.29
82	3.20	3.84	4.16
81	3.10	3.72	4.03
80	3.00	3.60	3.90
79	2.90	3.48	3.77
78	2.80	3.36	3.64
77	2.70	3.24	3.51
76	2.60	3.12	3.38
75	2.50	3.00	3.25
74	2.40	2.88	3.12
73	2.30	2.76	2.99
72	2.20	2.64	2.86
71	2.10	2.52	2.73
70	2.00	2.40	2.60
Below 70	0.00	0.00	0.00

TRANSFERRED GRADES

When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Tier One 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 **5th six weeks** fall semester 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 who have graduated under the Foundation Program with an Endorsement or Distinguished Level of Achievement graduation plan

with the highest and second-highest rank, respectively. To be eligible for this local graduation honor, a student must have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the two school years immediately preceding graduation.

BREAKING TIES

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

1. Compute the weighted numerical grade average to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.

2. Compare the total number of AP and IB courses by each student involved in the tie, including AP courses that were not eligible for the original calculation of weighted GPAs. The student with the greatest number shall receive the highest honor.

3. Calculate the student's GPA, computed to the hundred-thousandths place, using only AP and IB courses, including AP courses that were not eligible for the original calculation of weighted GPAs.

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.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2021.

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.

The District shall recalculate the rank and cumulative GPA of students in grades 9–11 in August and after January 15 of each year. The GPAs of students graduating in the current school year shall be recalculated in August, after January 15, and at the end of the second semester.

The target dates for recalculations shall be determined prior to the beginning of each school year. Rank and GPA calculations for students in grades 7–8 shall not be calculated or archived unless the students are taking courses for high school credit.

CALCULATION

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken in the following subject areas only: English, mathematics, science, and social studies, languages other than English, and all IB courses.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

EXCLUSIONS — The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in the non-IB electives. Courses that are not IB, core or languages other than English shall be ineligible for GPA computation.

WEIGHTED GRADE SYSTEM CATEGORIES — The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Tier One, Tier Two, and Tier Three in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

TIER ONE — Eligible general core and languages other than English courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier One courses.

TIER TWO — Eligible Pre-AP, IH, dual core courses, and Pre-AP, IH and dual languages other than English courses **and IH non-core courses** shall be categorized and weighted as Tier Two courses.

TIER THREE — Eligible AP and IB courses, IB non-core, and AP and IB languages other than English courses shall be categorized as Tier Three courses.

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98	3.8	4.3	4.8
97	3.7	4.2	4.7
96	3.6	4.1	4.6
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