

PROPOSED REVISIONS

**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 class rank calculation shall not include semester grades from a course that is retaken after a passing grade has been earned, and the new grade shall not be recorded on the transcript.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in courses in which credit was earned outside the regular school year; any local credit courses; physical education beyond what is required for graduation or any course substituted for physical education; any distance learning course, unless the course is a dual credit course assigned to the student; and any credit recovery course.

**Weighted Grade
System**

Categories

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Dual Credit/Collegiate, Honors/~~Collegiate~~, and Academic in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

*Dual Credit/
Collegiate*

Eligible dual credit/collegiate courses shall be categorized and weighted as Dual Credit/Collegiate courses.

*Honors/~~Collegiate~~
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Eligible courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Honors/~~Collegiate~~ courses.

Academic

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Academic courses

**Weighted Grade
Point Average**

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

Grade	Dual Credit/ <u>Collegiate</u>	Honors/ Collegiate	Academic
100	5.0	4.5	4.0
99	4.9	4.4	3.9
98	4.8	4.3	3.8
97	4.7	4.2	3.7

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96	4.6	4.1	3.6
95	4.5	4.0	3.5
94	4.4	3.9	3.4
93	4.3	3.8	3.3
92	4.2	3.7	3.2
91	4.1	3.6	3.1
90	4.0	3.5	3.0
89	3.9	3.4	2.9
		Honors/	
Grade	Dual Credit	Collegiate HS	Academic
88	3.8	3.3	2.8
87	3.7	3.2	2.7
86	3.6	3.1	2.6
85	3.5	3.0	2.5
84	3.4	2.9	2.4
83	3.3	2.8	2.3
82	3.2	2.7	2.2
81	3.1	2.6	2.1
80	3.0	2.5	2.0
79	2.9	2.4	1.9
78	2.8	2.3	1.8
77	2.7	2.2	1.7
76	2.6	2.1	1.6
75	2.5	2.0	1.5
74	2.4	1.9	1.4
73	2.3	1.8	1.3
72	2.2	1.7	1.2
71	2.1	1.6	1.1
70	2.0*	1.5	1.0
Below 70	0	0	0

* A grade of 60-69 or D in a dual credit course shall receive high school credit, and grade points shall be assigned as noted above.

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Transferred Grades	When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Academic 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 an equivalent <u>or similar</u> course is offered to the same class of students in 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 <u>end of the third nine-week grading period of the senior year.</u> time of calculation two weeks prior to graduation. <u>Grades received in May for dual credit courses shall also be included in the calculation.</u> 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 ranking for the purpose of automatic admission under state law. [See EIC(LE-GAL)]
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 <u>been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the completed</u> four <u>semesters years immediately preceding graduation</u> at the District high school; and 2. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.
<i>Ties</i>	In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the fourth decimal place, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.
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