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 ~~2026~~, 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030.

Class Rank 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 any course taken outside the regular school day or regular school year; any private or commercially sponsored physical activity program conducted off campus; any approved, traditional ~~traditional~~ correspondence course; ~~any online course, unless approved by the principal and monitored and proctored by a District employee~~; any local credit course; any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; and grades earned through ~~credit by examination~~ any credit recovery method.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2031 and beyond.

Class Rank Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank the highest weighted ~~-~~semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken in the following subject areas only: English, four courses (eight semesters); mathematics, four courses (eight semesters); science, four courses (eight semesters); social studies, five courses (eight semesters); and languages other than English, two courses (four semesters)~~.~~

The class rank calculation shall include grades earned through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction~~,~~ approved

~~traditional~~ correspondence courses, and Prosper ISD virtual courses. ~~online courses including dual credit; and District learning courses for original credit all~~. Grades earned through credit by examination and correspondence courses will be calculated ~~using~~ the on-level course weight scale.

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 ~~any distance learning course for credit recovery purposes~~; ~~any college credit courses that are not dual credit;~~ any private or commercially sponsored physical activity program conducted off campus; any local credit course; ~~and~~ any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned, and grades earned by any credit recovery method.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to all students, regardless of their graduating class.

Weighted Grade System

Categories

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced Placement (AP)/Dual Credit (DC)/Dual Enrollment (DE), Honors, and On-Level Courses in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

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	AP/DC/DE	Honors*	On-Level
100	6.0	5.5	5.0
99	5.9	5.4	4.9
98	5.8	5.3	4.8
97	5.7	5.2	4.7
96	5.6	5.1	4.6
95	5.5	5.0	4.5
94	5.4	4.9	4.4
93	5.3	4.8	4.3

Grade	AP/DC/DE	Honors*	On-Level
92	5.2	4.7	4.2
91	5.1	4.6	4.1
90	5.0	4.5	4.0
89	4.9	4.4	3.9
88	4.8	4.3	3.8
87	4.7	4.2	3.7
86	4.6	4.1	3.6
85	4.5	4.0	3.5
84	4.4	3.9	3.4
83	4.3	3.8	3.3
82	4.2	3.7	3.2
81	4.1	3.6	3.1
80	4.0	3.5	3.0
79	3.9	3.4	2.9
78	3.8	3.3	2.8
77	3.7	3.2	2.7
76	3.6	3.1	2.6
75	3.5	3.0	2.5
74	3.4	2.9	2.4
73	3.3	2.8	2.3
72	3.2	2.7	2.2
71	3.1	2.6	2.1
70	3.0	2.5	2.0
Below 70	0	0	0

Transferred Grades

When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the On-Level 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.

The District shall recognize numerical grades earned at a previous school and shall convert letter grades in accordance with the following chart:

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade
A+	98
A	95
A-	93
B+	88
B	85
B-	83
C+	78
C	75
C-	73
D, if previous district awarded credit	70
D, if previous district did not award credit	69
F	65

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 third nine-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 recognition~~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 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.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating class of 2029 and beyond~~.~~

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:

4. Have been continuously enrolled in the District for the entire four school years immediately preceding graduation;
5. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and
6. Have completed the foundation program with at least one endorsement.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to all students, regardless of their graduating class.

Ties

In case of a tie in the rank~~weighted~~ GPA~~s~~ after calculation to the third decimal place, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.

Honor Graduates

A student with an unweighted earned cumulative GPA shall be recognized as an honor graduate according to the following:

- Summa Cum Laude: 3.900 and above~~to 4.000~~
- Magna Cum Laude: 3.700 to 3.899
- Cum Laude: 3.500 to 3.699

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.