MARBLE FALLS
Independent School District

Meeting Date: 11/16/2026 **Date Submitted:** 11/9/2026

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting **Agenda Placement:** Consideration Items

Subject:

Board Policy Revision: EIC(LOCAL)

Executive Summary:

TASB has recommended an update on the following local board policy:

EIC(LOCAL): ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: CLASS RANKING

Administration will present a brief overview of the change.

This is first read.

Fiscal Impact: **Funding Source:** **Fiscal Year:** **Amendment Required?**

No Fiscal Impact

How will you present this item to the Board?

Summary Sheet & Supporting Documents

Does this item require any documents to be signed by the Board?

No

Administration's Recommendation:

This is first read.

Administration is recommending final approval of the revisions to local policies EIC

Submitted By:

Yarda Leflet

Presenter:

Yarda Leflet

Board Approval Required: YES

PROPOSED REVISIONS

Note: This local policy has been revised in accordance with the District's innovation plan. [See AF(LOCAL)]

The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating classes of 2026 and 2027.

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 in grades 9-12 in the following subject areas only: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English, as well as all Advanced Placement (AP) courses, OnRamps courses, and dual credit courses, unless excluded below.

Beginning with students who enroll during the 2026-27 school year, credit by examination without prior instruction in eligible courses shall be included in the calculation of class rank

The class rank calculation shall not include semester grades from a course that is retaken after a passing grade has been earned.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Pass/Fail Grades from Transfer Students

Beginning with transfer students who initially enroll in the District during the 2026-27 school year, the District shall include pass/fail grades earned in eligible courses in the calculation of class rank. The student shall have the option for the grade of "P" to be converted to a 70 or take a credit-based assessment to raise the grade. The District shall use the higher of the two grades in the calculation of class rank.

A grade of "F" shall be converted to 60 for purposes of calculating class rank.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in summer school; languages other than English courses for which credit is earned outside the regular school day or regular school year; a distance learning course, unless the course is offered through the District as a course option along with traditional courses; a dual credit course for which credit is earned outside the regular school day or regular school year; any local credit course; any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction taken prior to the 2026-27 school year.

Weighted Grade System

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

Tier I

Eligible AP courses and OnRamps courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier I courses.

Tier II

Eligible dual credit courses and courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Tier II courses.

Tier III

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier III courses.

Weighted Grade Point Average

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

Grade	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III
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

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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
69	0.9	0.9	0.9
68	0.8	0.8	0.8
67	0.7	0.7	0.7
66	0.6	0.6	0.6
65	0.5	0.5	0.5
64	0.4	0.4	0.4
63	0.3	0.3	0.3
62	0.2	0.2	0.2
61	0.1	0.1	0.1
60 and below	0	0	0

Transferred Grades

When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Tier III 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 or an equivalent 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 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 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;
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and
3. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

Breaking Ties

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

1. Count the number of Tier I courses taken by each student involved in the tie.
2. Calculate a weighted GPA using only eligible grades in Tier I and Tier II courses taken by each student involved in the tie.

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.

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.

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The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the class of 2028.

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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 in grades 9-12 in the following subject areas only: English, mathematics, science,

social studies, and languages other than English, as well as all Advanced Placement (AP) courses, dual enrollment courses, and dual credit courses available to all students in the District, unless excluded below.

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Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in:

- Summer school;
- Any distance learning or online course, including TXVSN, unless the course is offered through the District as a course option along with traditional courses;
- Any correspondence course;
- Any local credit course;
- Any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned;
- Any course for which credit is earned through examination, with or without prior instruction taken prior to the 2026-27 school year;
- An assigned remediation or tutoring course; and
- Any course for which credit is earned outside the regular school day or regular school year.

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The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

Tier I Eligible AP courses, dual credit courses, and dual enrollment courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier I courses.

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1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation;
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and
3. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

Beginning with students in the graduating class of 2029, 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;
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school;
3. Have numerical semester grades for English, mathematics, and science included in the calculation for the first four semesters of high school; and
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