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~~in grades 9-12, 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 summer school;~~,~~ a distance learning course, unless the course is included in appropriate District publications and taken during the school year; any assigned remediation or tutoring course;~~,~~ any local credit course;~~,~~ any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned;~~,~~ or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

Weighted Grade System

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Tier 3, Tier 2, and Tier 1 in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

Tier 3

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) courses and Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM) dual credit courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier 3 courses.

Tier 2

Eligible Pre-AP courses, Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) dual credit courses, and other courses locally designated as advanced ~~honors courses~~ shall be categorized and weighted as Tier 2 courses.

Tier 1

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier 1 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 3	Tier 2	Tier 1
100	6.5	6.0	5.0
99	6.4	5.9	4.9
98	6.3	5.8	4.8

97	6.2	5.7	4.7
96	6.1	5.6	4.6
95	6.0	5.5	4.5
94	5.9	5.4	4.4
93	5.8	5.3	4.3
92	5.7	5.2	4.2
91	5.6	5.1	4.1
90	5.5	5.0	4.0
89	5.4	4.9	3.9
88	5.3	4.8	3.8
87	5.2	4.7	3.7
86	5.1	4.6	3.6
85	5.0	4.5	3.5
84	4.9	4.4	3.4
83	4.8	4.3	3.3
82	4.7	4.2	3.2
81	4.6	4.1	3.1
80	4.5	4.0	3.0
79	4.4	3.9	2.9
78	4.3	3.8	2.8
77	4.2	3.7	2.7
76	4.1	3.6	2.6
75	4.0	3.5	2.5
74	3.9	3.4	2.4
73	3.8	3.3	2.3
72	3.7	3.2	2.2
71	3.6	3.1	2.1
70	3.5	3.0*	2.0
Below 70	0	0	0

A grade of D or 60-69 in a dual credit course shall be considered passing and shall receive high school credit. All dual credit number grades shall receive the same grade points as a dual credit letter grade and shall be assigned grade points as indicated in the chart below.

Letter Grade	Number Grade	Tier 3	Tier 2
A	90-100	6.5	6.0
B	80-89	5.4	4.9
C	70-79	4.4	3.9
D	60-69	3.5	3.0

Transferred Grades

When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Tier 1 category and the District has accepted the credit, the District shall include the grades in the calculation of class rank.

When a student transfers grades for courses that would be eligible to receive additional weight under the District's weighted grade system, the District shall assign weight to the grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District if a similar 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 ~~week of the fourth~~ 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 at least one endorsement or the foundation program with distinguished Level of achievement.

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 AP and ACGM dual credit courses completed by each student involved in the tie. ~~the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.~~

~~1.~~2. Calculate a weighted GPA using only eligible grades in AP and ACGM dual credit courses completed by each student involved in the tie.

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.