



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: First and Final Reading of Policy EIC (LOCAL) Academic Achievement Class Ranking

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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: June 21, 2017

Recommendation:

First and Final Reading of revised Policy EIC (LOCAL) to remove Weighted Grade Point Average Scale which ended with the Class of 2017.

Also, approval to change the F on the conversion scale from a 0 to a 50

Rationale:

Budgetary Information:

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

EIC (LOCAL)

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

- CALCULATION** The District shall include in the calculation of class rank grades earned in all high school credit courses regardless of when the credit was earned.
- EXCLUSIONS** The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in or by a course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned.
- WEIGHTED GRADE SYSTEM—STUDENTS GRADUATING BEFORE 2018** For students in the graduating class of 2015, 2016, or 2017, the District shall categorize and weight courses as Advanced courses, Regular courses, and Modified courses in accordance with provisions of this policy.
- CATEGORIES**
- ADVANCED COURSES** Eligible Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, dual credit, and other District-approved courses designated in the course catalog shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.
- REGULAR COURSES** Eligible courses that are not designated in the course catalog as Advanced or Modified courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.
- MODIFIED COURSES** Eligible courses that are designated as modified courses in the course catalog shall be categorized and weighted as Modified courses.
- WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE** The District shall convert semester grades to grade points and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA) in accordance with the following chart:

Numerical Grade	AP Test Score of 3, 4, or 5	AP, Pre-AP, Dual Credit, or other District-approved Courses	Regular Courses	Modified Courses
98-100	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5
96-97	4.9	4.4	3.9	3.4
93-95	4.7	4.2	3.7	3.2
90-92	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0
88-89	4.3	3.8	3.3	2.8
86-87	4.1	3.6	3.1	2.6
83-85	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5
80-82	3.9	3.4	2.9	2.4
78-79	3.7	3.2	2.7	2.2
76-77	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0
73-75	3.3	2.8	2.3	1.8
70-72	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5

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Numerical Grade	AP Test Score of 3, 4, or 5	AP, Pre-AP, Dual Credit, or other District-approved Courses	Regular Courses	Modified Courses
Below 70	0	0	0	0

WEIGHTED GRADE SYSTEM – BEGINNING WITH STUDENTS GRADUATING IN 2018

Beginning with students graduating in the class of 2018 [and thereafter](#), the District shall categorize and weight courses as Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 in accordance with provisions of this policy.

CATEGORIES

- TIER 1 COURSES Eligible AP and dual credit courses designated in the course catalog shall be categorized and weighted as Tier 1 courses.
- TIER 2 COURSES Eligible Pre-AP courses and other locally identified weighted courses designated in the course catalog shall be categorized and weighted as Tier 2 courses.
- TIER 3 COURSES All other eligible courses identified in the course catalog shall be designated as Tier 3 courses.

WEIGHTED GPA

The District shall convert semester grades to grade points and shall calculate a weighted GPA in accordance with the following chart:

Grade	Tier 1 Courses	Tier 2 Courses	Tier 3 Courses
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

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Grade	Tier 1 Courses	Tier 2 Courses	Tier 3 Courses
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
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
< 70	0	0	0

TRANSFERRED
GRADES

When a student transfers grades for properly documented courses, the District shall assign weight to those grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District.

Students transferring into the District shall receive the numerical grade that was earned in the eligible courses at another school. Letter grades for eligible courses shall be recorded as follows:

Conversion Scale

A+	98	C+	78
A	95	C	75
A-	92	C-	72
B+	88	D+	68
B	85	D	65
B-	82	D-	62
		F	0- 50

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LOCAL GRADUATION
HONORS

For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank at the end of the third nine-week grading period of the senior year. The grade for the third nine-week grading period shall be used as the semester grade for this purpose.

For the purpose of applications to institutions of higher education, the District shall also calculate class ranking 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(LEGAL)]

VALEDICTORIAN
AND SALUTATORIAN

The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the eligible students who have the highest and second highest ranking respectively. To be eligible for such recognition a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the same District high school for the six semesters immediately preceding graduation;
2. Have completed the Recommended Program, the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, or the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement; and
3. Be graduating after four complete years of enrollment in high school.

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 scholarship certificate from the state of Texas.

BREAKING TIES

In case of a tie, the District shall compute the weighted GPA to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.