

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; however, the new grade shall be recorded on the transcript.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in: physical education; athletics; cheerleading; any fine arts courses; a cooperative work period course; ~~any career and technical education (CTE) course~~; any local credit course; a distance learning course, unless the course is either assigned to the student by the District or offered as a course option along with traditional District courses; a dual credit course taken through a college with which the District does not have a partnership agreement; any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; or credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

Weighted Grade System

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced, Honors, and Academic in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

Advanced

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP), pre-AP, and dual credit courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

Honors

Eligible courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Honors 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 to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA):

Grade	Advanced	Honors	Academic
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

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Grade	Advanced	Honors	Academic
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
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

*A grade of 60-69 in a dual credit course shall receive high school credit, and the grade shall be converted to a 70 for purposes of calculating class rank.

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 the same 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 fifth six-week grading period of the senior year.

Grades received in May for dual credit courses shall also be included in the calculation.

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 three 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.

Ties

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the ~~fourth~~ **fifth** 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.