

PROPOSED POLICY

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.						
WEIGHTED GRADE SYSTEM	The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy.						
CATEGORIES							
ADVANCED COURSES	Eligible AP, pre-AP, dual credit courses, and courses locally designated as advanced courses and identified in the course selection guide shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.						
REGULAR COURSES	All other eligible courses shall be designated as Regular courses.						
WEIGHTED NUMERICAL GRADE AVERAGE	The District shall assign weights to grades earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average, in accordance with the following scale: <table><tr><th>Category</th><th>Weight</th></tr><tr><td>Advanced</td><td>plus 15</td></tr><tr><td>Regular</td><td>plus zero</td></tr></table>	Category	Weight	Advanced	plus 15	Regular	plus zero
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Advanced	plus 15						
Regular	plus zero						
TRANSFERRED GRADES	The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts. When a student transfers grades for properly documented and eligible courses, the District shall assign weight to those grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District, if a similar or 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 using grades available at the time of calculation at the end of the fifth six-week grading period of the senior year. The average of the fourth and fifth six-week grades 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)]						

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

VALEDICTORIAN
AND
SALUTATORIAN

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

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the three semesters immediately preceding graduation;
2. Have completed the Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program for graduation; and
3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

BREAKING TIES

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian:

1. Compare the number of weighted AP and dual credit courses taken by each student involved in the tie.
2. Add to the courses compared above the number of weighted pre-AP 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.