

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

**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.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in any local credit course, any course for credit recovery, any traditional correspondence course, any course earned in a home school, or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

**Weighted Grade
System**

Categories

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced Placement (AP)/Dual Credit, Honors, and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

AP/Dual Credit

Eligible AP and dual credit courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced Placement/Dual Credit courses.

Honors

Eligible courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses.

Regular

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular 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):

Alpha Grade	Grade	AP/Dual Credit	Honors	Regular
A	100	6.5	6.0	5.0
A	99	6.4	5.9	4.9
A	98	6.3	5.8	4.8
A	97	6.2	5.7	4.7
A	96	6.1	5.6	4.6
A	95	6.0	5.5	4.5
A	94	5.9	5.4	4.4
A	93	5.8	5.3	4.3

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Alpha Grade	Grade	AP/Dual Credit	Honors	Regular
A	92	5.7	5.2	4.2
A	91	5.6	5.1	4.1
A	90	5.5	5.0	4.0
B	89	5.4	4.9	3.9
B	88	5.3	4.8	3.8
B	87	5.2	4.7	3.7
B	86	5.1	4.6	3.6
B	85	5.0	4.5	3.5
B	84	4.9	4.4	3.4
B	83	4.8	4.3	3.3
B	82	4.7	4.2	3.2
B	81	4.6	4.1	3.1
B	80	4.5	4.0	3.0
C	79	4.4	3.9	2.9
C	78	4.3	3.8	2.8
C	77	4.2	3.7	2.7
C	76	4.1	3.6	2.6
C	75	4.0	3.5	2.5
C	74	3.9	3.4	2.4
C	73	3.8	3.3	2.3
C	72	3.7	3.2	2.2
C	71	3.6	3.1	2.1
C	70	3.5	3.0	2.0
F	Below 70	0	0	0

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

Transferred Grades

When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Regular 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

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grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by 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.

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 two full school years prior to attaining senior status; and
2. Have completed the foundation program with at least one endorsement.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted GPA after calculation to the thousandths place, the District shall count the number of dual credit courses taken by each student involved in the tie to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian.

If the tie is not broken after applying this method, 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.