

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.

Note: The following provision shall apply to students in the graduating classes of 2025, 2026, and 2027.

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 but only in the following subject areas: up to eight semesters of English language arts, including English I, English II, English III, and English IV or another foundation advanced course meeting the English credit requirement; up to six semesters of mathematics, including Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II or another foundation advanced course meeting the mathematics credit requirement; up to six semesters of science, including Biology, Chemistry, or another foundation advanced course meeting the science credit requirement, and Physics or another foundation advanced course meeting the science credit requirement; up to eight semesters of social studies and economics, including World Geography Studies, World History Studies, United States History Studies Since 1877, United States Government, and Economics with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits; and up to four semesters of languages other than English in the same foreign language.

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.

Note: The following provision shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2028.

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 but only in the following subject areas: all semesters of English language arts, including English I, English II, English III, and English IV or another requirement; all semesters of mathematics, including Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II or another foundation advanced course meeting the mathematics credit requirement; all semesters of science, including

Biology, Chemistry, or another foundation advanced course meeting the science credit requirement, and Physics or another foundation advanced course meeting the science credit requirement; all semesters of social studies and economics, including World Geography Studies, World History Studies, United States History Studies Since 1877, United States Government, and Economics with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits; and up to four semesters of languages other than English in the same foreign language.

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.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to all students, regardless of their graduating class.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in summer school; credit earned in the Fast Track program; 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 or concurrent enrollment course taken anywhere other than the District high school; any local credit course; any credit recovery course; any independent study course; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

Weighted Grade System

Categories

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

Dual Credit

Eligible dual credit and OnRamps courses shall be categorized and weighted as Dual Credit courses.

Honors

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 Numerical Grade Average

The District shall assign weights to semester grades earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average, in accordance with the following:

Category	Weight
Dual Credit	multiplied by 1.2*
Honors	multiplied by 1.1
Regular	multiplied by 1.0

*A grade of 60-69 in a dual credit course shall receive high school credit, and grade points shall be assigned as noted above.

All failing grades shall be multiplied by 1.0.

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 grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District only if an equivalent course is offered to the same class of students in the District.

Transferred Letter Grades

When a student transfers letter semester grades with no numerical equivalent from the sending school, the District shall convert the letter grades to numeric grades in accordance with the following chart, based on the lowest passing grade from the sending school:

Letter Grade	Numeric Equivalent — C- is lowest passing grade	Numeric Equivalent — D- is lowest passing grade
A+	98	98
A	95	95
A-	92	92
B+	88	88
B	85	85
B-	83	83
C+	78	79

Letter Grade	Numeric Equivalent — C- is lowest passing grade	Numeric Equivalent — D- is lowest passing grade
C	75	77
C-	73	75
D+	69 if one semester; 65 if two semesters	74
D	69 if one semester; 65 if two semesters	72
D-	69 if one semester; 65 if two semesters	70
F	69 if one semester; 65 if two semesters	69 if one semester; 65 if two semesters

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~~ ~~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 beginning with at least the 31st day of instruction of the student's sophomore year; and
2. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted numerical averages after calculation to the sixth decimal place, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian:

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1. Count the number of Dual Credit and Honors courses taken by each student involved in the tie. If the tie remains, proceed to the following method.
2. Calculate a weighted numerical grade average using only Dual Credit and Honors courses taken by each student involved in the tie.

If the tie for valedictorian is not broken after applying these methods, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title of valedictorian and no salutatorian shall be honored.

If the tie for salutatorian in weighted GPAs or weighted numerical averages is not broken after calculation to the sixth decimal place, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title of salutatorian.

Honor Graduates

The District shall designate as honor graduates all students who have:

1. Completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement; and
2. Maintained a weighted numerical grade average of 90 or above in semester grades included in class rank calculation.

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.