

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 provisions shall apply to students in the graduating classes of 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken in grades 9–12 only, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in any distance learning course, including a traditional correspondence course; summer school, any assigned remediation or tutoring course, any local credit course, and any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned, or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

Weighted Grade System

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

Categories

Dual Credit / AP

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

Advanced / Pre-AP

Eligible Pre-AP courses and other courses locally designated as Advanced shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced/Pre-AP 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):

Grade	Dual Credit / AP	Advanced / Pre-AP	Regular
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

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Grade	Dual Credit / AP	Advanced / Pre-AP	Regular
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
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
Below 70	0	0	0

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2022.

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken in grades 9–12

only, and designated as core courses in District publications, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in summer school, any assigned remediation or tutoring course, any local credit course, and any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned.

Weighted Grade System

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

Categories

Advanced

Eligible dual credit, AP, Pre-AP courses, and other courses locally designated as advanced shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced 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 GPA:

Grade	Advanced	Regular
100	5.0	4.0
99	4.9	3.9
98	4.8	3.8
97	4.7	3.7
96	4.6	3.6
95	4.5	3.5
94	4.4	3.4
93	4.3	3.3
92	4.2	3.2
91	4.1	3.1
90	4.0	3.0
89	3.9	2.9
88	3.8	2.8
87	3.7	2.7
86	3.6	2.6
85	3.5	2.5
84	3.4	2.4

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Grade	Advanced	Regular
83	3.3	2.3
82	3.2	2.2
81	3.1	2.1
80	3.0	2.0
79	2.9	1.9
78	2.8	1.8
77	2.7	1.7
76	2.6	1.6
75	2.5	1.5
74	2.4	1.4
73	2.3	1.3
72	2.2	1.2
71	2.1	1.1
70	2.0	1.0
Below 70	0	0

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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.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating classes of 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Dissemination

At the end of the first semester of grade 9 and every semester thereafter, the District shall calculate class rank and shall provide upon parent or student request that student's class rank and weighted GPA.

At the end of the first semester of grade 11 and every semester thereafter, the District shall notify each student of his or her numerical rank in class.

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

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 spring semester 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 school years 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.
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Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs, after calculation to the fourth decimal place, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian:

1. Calculate an unweighted numerical grade average using grades earned in all courses in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English taken by each student involved in the tie.
2. Count the number of Dual Credit/AP and Advanced/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.

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Honor Graduates

The District shall recognize as an honor graduate each student whose weighted GPA is in the top ten percent of class rank.

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.