

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.

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in all high school credit courses taken at any grade level, regardless of when the credit was earned, 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, and the new grade shall not be recorded on the transcript.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in ~~or by~~ a dual credit course taken anywhere other than the District high school; an assigned remediation or tutoring course; a local credit course; a course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; courses substituted for physical education; summer school; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

~~In addition, the calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned through dual credit courses taken anywhere other than the District high school.~~

~~Weighted Numerical Grade Average~~

~~For students entering grade 9 before the 2011–12 school year, the District shall multiply the semester grades by the following weighted factors and shall calculate a weighted numerical grade average for the semester in accordance with the following scale.~~

~~Advanced Courses~~

~~The District shall publish in the student handbook the list of designated courses.~~

Category	Weight
Advanced	multiplied by 1.1
Regular	multiplied by 1.0

Weighted Grade System

Categories

Advanced

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

Eligible Advanced Placement (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.

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:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Weight</u>
<u>Advanced</u>	<u>multiplied by 1.15</u>
<u>Honors</u>	<u>multiplied by 1.10</u>
<u>Regular</u>	<u>multiplied by 1.00</u>

~~For students entering grade 9 in the 2011–12 school year and thereafter, the District shall multiply the semester grades by the following weighted factors and shall calculate a weighted numerical grade average for the semester in accordance with the following scale:~~

<u>Category</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Dual Credit	multiplied by 1.15
Advanced Placement (AP)	multiplied by 1.15
Pre-AP	multiplied by 1.10
Regular Courses	multiplied by 1.0
Special Education Courses	multiplied by 1.0

The District shall record weighted 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 ~~properly documented~~ courses that would be eligible to receive additional weight

**Local Graduation
Honors**

under the District's weighted grade system, the District shall assign weight to ~~those~~ the grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District only if an equivalent courses ~~are~~ is offered to the same class of students in the District.

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 at the end of the fifth six-week grading period of the senior year.

The final class rank, calculated after posting grades earned during the sixth six-week grading period of the senior year, shall be posted on the student's transcript.

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 ranking 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 such recognition, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the ~~four~~ eight consecutive semesters immediately preceding graduation;
2. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement; ~~Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program for graduation~~; and
3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

Ties

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages after calculation to the fourth decimal place ~~a sufficient number of decimal places~~, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.

Honor Graduates

The District shall recognize at the graduation ceremony each student who:

1. Has completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement ~~either the Recommended or Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program~~;
2. Has been continuously enrolled in the District high school for-completed the ~~two~~ four consecutive semesters immediately preceding graduation in the District high school;

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~~2.3.~~ Is graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and

~~3.4.~~ Has a cumulative weighted numerical grade average of 90 or above.

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.