

**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 in grades 9–12 only.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

**Weighted Grade  
System**

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

*Level 1*

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) and dual credit courses shall be categorized and weighted as Level 1 courses.

*Level 2*

Eligible courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Level 2 courses.

*Level 3*

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Level 3 courses.

Weighted Numerical  
Grade Average

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

Category	Weight
Level 1	multiplied by 1.09
Level 2	multiplied by 1.07
Level 3	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 Level 3 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.

**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.

Grades received in May for dual credit courses shall also be included in the calculation.

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 six semesters 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.

*Ties*

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages after calculation to the third decimal place, 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.