

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

CALCULATION

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank only grades earned for high school credit taken in grades 9–12 in the following subjects:

- Four courses in English;
- Four courses in mathematics;
- Four courses in science, which must include one each in Biology or Environmental Science, Chemistry, and Physics;
- Four courses in social studies; and
- Two courses in languages other than English.

WEIGHTED GRADE
SYSTEM

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

CATEGORIES

ADVANCED
COURSES

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, **Honors**, International Baccalaureate (IB), and dual credit courses designated in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

REGULAR
COURSES

All other eligible courses shall be designated as Regular courses.

WEIGHTED GRADE
POINT AVERAGE

The District shall convert grades earned in eligible courses to grade points and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA) in accordance with the following chart:

Grade	Advanced	Regular
90–100	5.0	4.0
80–89	4.0	3.0
70–79	3.0	2.0
<70	0.0	0.0

TRANSFERRED
GRADES

When a student transfers grades for properly documented and eligible courses, the District shall assign weight to those grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District if similar or equivalent courses are offered to the same class of students in the District.

LOCAL GRADUATION
HONORS

For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank using grades available at the time of calculation, at the end of the final school year, seven days before the last regular day of attendance for seniors.

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For the purpose of applications to institutions of higher education, the District shall also calculate class ranking 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

All of the eligible students with a 5.0 GPA shall be recognized as valedictorians. All of the eligible students with the next highest GPA shall be recognized as salutatorians. To be eligible for such recognition, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the same high school in the District for his or her entire senior year immediately preceding graduation;
2. Have completed the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program or the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation program with endorsements;
3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; however, students who will not be classified as seniors during both the fall and spring semesters of the graduating and awarding year may become eligible for the honor by filing a written declaration of intent to graduate with the building principal on or before the tenth day of school; and
4. Have carried at least six classes each semester; however, exceptions must be approved by the administration, (e.g., students on homebound instruction or students concurrently enrolled in a university).

HIGHEST RANKING
GRADUATE

The local eligibility criteria for recognition as the valedictorian shall not affect recognition of the highest ranking graduate for purposes of receiving the scholarship certificate from the state of Texas.

BREAKING TIES
FOR TEXAS
SCHOLARSHIP

In case of a tie for the highest ranking student, the District shall compute the weighted numerical grade average to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.