

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.

Class Rank

Class rank shall not be reported except for students in the top 10 percent of a given class as required by law. The District shall provide each student ranked in the top 10 percent a written notification indicating the student is ranked in the top 10 percent of the class and include the student's numerical rank in class. The District shall not report class rank on a student's academic transcript for any student not in the top 10 percent. When the District provides the academic achievement record (transcript) for a top 10 percent student to a college or university, it shall also provide a copy of the written notification indicating the student is ranked in the top 10 percent of the class and the actual numerical rank in class.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to all students, regardless of their graduating class, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of **GPA for** class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken in grades 9-12 only, taken in the following subject areas: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and any AP course not associated with these subjects. ~~Any elective course in one of these subject areas shall be excluded from the calculation.~~

The class rank calculation shall not include semester grades from a course that is retaken after a passing grade has been earned.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of **GPA for** class rank shall exclude:

1. grades earned in any home school course;
2. any credit recovery course;
3. ~~any distance learning course including a TxVSN course, any local credit course;~~ any course for which a pass/fail is assigned; or

4. **any credit earned** through credit by examination [EHDC], with or without prior instruction.

In addition, students from the Aledo Learning Center shall not be ranked.

Weighted Grade System

Categories

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

Category 1

Eligible AP courses and any course that has an AP course as a prerequisite shall be categorized and weighted as Category 1 courses.

Category 2

Eligible Pre-AP courses, ~~Advanced courses locally designated as Category 2 courses~~, dual credit courses, and OnRamps courses shall be categorized and weighted as Category 2 courses.

Category 3

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Category 3 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	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
100	5.0	4.5	4.0
99	4.9	4.4	3.9
98	4.8	4.3	3.8
97	4.7	4.2	3.7
96	4.6	4.1	3.6
95	4.5	4.0	3.5
94	4.4	3.9	3.4
93	4.3	3.8	3.3
92	4.2	3.7	3.2

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Grade	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
91	4.1	3.6	3.1
90	4.0	3.5	3.0
89	3.9	3.4	2.9
88	3.8	3.3	2.8
87	3.7	3.2	2.7
86	3.6	3.1	2.6
85	3.5	3.0	2.5
84	3.4	2.9	2.4
83	3.3	2.8	2.3
82	3.2	2.7	2.2
81	3.1	2.6	2.1
80	3.0	2.5	2.0
79	2.9	2.4	1.9
78	2.8	2.3	1.8
77	2.7	2.2	1.7
76	2.6	2.1	1.6
75	2.5	2.0	1.5
74	2.4	1.9	1.4
73	2.3	1.8	1.3
72	2.2	1.7	1.2
71	2.1	1.6	1.1
70	2.0	1.5*	1.0
Below 70	0	0	0

*A grade of 60-69 or D in a dual credit course shall receive high school credit, and the grade shall be converted to a 70 for purposes of calculating class rank.

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.

Reporting Class Rank

The District shall calculate class rank at the conclusion of each semester. Following each calculation period, each student ranked

in the top ~~six~~ 5 percent and top 10 percent of the class shall receive written notification. Also following each calculation period, the District shall communicate to all students in the class the lowest weighted GPA in the first quartile of the class, in the second quartile of the class, and in the third quartile of the 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 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 ranking, respectively. To be eligible for such recognition, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the two school years immediately preceding graduation;
2. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement; and
3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages or weighted GPAs after calculation to the thousandths place, 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 all students whose weighted numerical grade averages comprise the top 10 percent of the students in the graduating class.

Highest-Ranking Graduate

The student meeting the local eligibility criteria for recognition as the valedictorian shall also be considered the highest-ranking

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graduate for purposes of receiving the honor graduate certificate
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