

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.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating class of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses ~~all courses to which state graduation credit is applied, including grades earned in middle school~~ taken at any grade level, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in ~~or by~~ an assigned remediation or tutoring course, which shall include credit recovery; ~~credit by examination, with or without prior instruction~~; summer school; a dual credit course taken anywhere other than the District high school; a distance learning course, unless the course is either assigned to the student by the District or offered as a course option along with traditional District courses; ~~to include correspondence courses, unless the grade is earned in a distance learning course taken during school hours and while present at the high school campus~~ or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

Weighted Grade System

Categories

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.

Advanced Courses

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, dual credit, and other courses locally designated as honors or advanced as listed in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses. ~~Any course taken in middle school for which state graduation credit is applied shall also be categorized and weighted as Advanced.~~

Regular Courses

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted ~~desig-~~ nated as Regular courses.

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Weighted Numerical
Grade ~~Point~~
Average ~~(GPA)~~

The District shall ~~convert~~ assign weights to semester grades, including failing grades, earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average, ~~to grade points in accordance with the weighted grade point chart published in the student handbook and shall calculate a weighted GPA in accordance with the following:~~

<u>Category</u>	<u>Weight</u>
<u>Advanced</u>	<u>multiplied by 1.2</u>
<u>Regular</u>	<u>multiplied by 1.0</u>

The District shall record unweighted 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 and eligible~~ courses that would be eligible to receive additional weight under the District's weighted grade system, the District shall assign additional weight to ~~those~~ the grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District, only if the same or equivalent course is offered to the same class of students in the District.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2024.

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken at any grade level, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall not include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in an assigned remediation or tutoring course, which shall include credit recovery; summer school; any local credit course; a dual credit course taken anywhere other than the District high school; a distance learning course, unless the course is either assigned to the student by the District or offered as a course option along with traditional District courses; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

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Weighted Grade
System

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as 5.0 and 4.0 in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

Tier II

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, dual credit, and other courses locally designated as honors courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier II courses.

Tier I

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier I 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):

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Tier II</u>	<u>Tier I</u>
<u>100</u>	<u>5.0</u>	<u>4.0</u>
<u>99</u>	<u>4.9</u>	<u>3.9</u>
<u>98</u>	<u>4.8</u>	<u>3.8</u>
<u>97</u>	<u>4.7</u>	<u>3.7</u>
<u>96</u>	<u>4.6</u>	<u>3.6</u>
<u>95</u>	<u>4.5</u>	<u>3.5</u>
<u>94</u>	<u>4.4</u>	<u>3.4</u>
<u>93</u>	<u>4.3</u>	<u>3.3</u>
<u>92</u>	<u>4.2</u>	<u>3.2</u>
<u>91</u>	<u>4.1</u>	<u>3.1</u>
<u>90</u>	<u>4.0</u>	<u>3.0</u>
<u>89</u>	<u>3.9</u>	<u>2.9</u>
<u>88</u>	<u>3.8</u>	<u>2.8</u>
<u>87</u>	<u>3.7</u>	<u>2.7</u>
<u>86</u>	<u>3.6</u>	<u>2.6</u>
<u>85</u>	<u>3.5</u>	<u>2.5</u>
<u>84</u>	<u>3.4</u>	<u>2.4</u>
<u>83</u>	<u>3.3</u>	<u>2.3</u>
<u>82</u>	<u>3.2</u>	<u>2.2</u>
<u>81</u>	<u>3.1</u>	<u>2.1</u>
<u>80</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>2.0</u>
<u>79</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>1.9</u>
<u>78</u>	<u>2.8</u>	<u>1.8</u>

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Tier II</u>	<u>Tier I</u>
<u>77</u>	<u>2.7</u>	<u>1.7</u>
<u>76</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>1.6</u>
<u>75</u>	<u>2.5</u>	<u>1.5</u>
<u>74</u>	<u>2.4</u>	<u>1.4</u>
<u>73</u>	<u>2.3</u>	<u>1.3</u>
<u>72</u>	<u>2.2</u>	<u>1.2</u>
<u>71</u>	<u>2.1</u>	<u>1.1</u>
<u>70</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>
<u>Below 70</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Transferred Grades

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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 the same or equivalent course is offered to the same class of students in the District.

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 fifth six-week grading period of the senior year. ~~The average of the fourth and fifth six-week grades shall be used as the semester grade for this purpose.~~

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)]

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Valedictorian,
Salutarian, and
Historian

The valedictorian, salutarian, and historian shall be the eligible students with the highest, second highest, and third highest ranking, respectively. To be eligible for such recognition, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four 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.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages or weighted GPAs, as appropriate, after calculation to the fourth decimal place, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian, ~~or salutarian,~~ or historian:

- ~~1. Compute the weighted GPA to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.~~
- ~~2.1. Compare~~ Count the number of weighted courses taken by each student involved in the tie.
- ~~3.2. Calculate a weighted~~ numerical grade average or weighted GPA, as appropriate, only using only eligible grades earned in English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English taken by each student involved in the tie.
- ~~4. Compare scores on standardized college entrance tests, if the same tests were taken by all students 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.

Honor Graduates

The District shall recognize as honor graduates all students whose weighted numerical grade averages or weighted GPAs, as appropriate, comprise the top ten percent of the students in the graduating class.

Highest-Ranking
Graduate

The student meeting the local eligibility criteria for recognition as the valedictorian when class rank is calculated for the final time at the end of the school year shall be considered the highest-ranking graduate for purposes of receiving the honor graduate certificate from the state of Texas.