

**Class Rank  
Calculation**

Class rank for senior students shall be calculated by averaging actual or weighted semester grades earned in grades 9–12 and any high school course taken prior to grade 9 for which a student earned state graduation credit. No minimum grade shall be substituted for a failing grade. Class rank shall be calculated at the end of the ~~fifth six-week grading period~~ first semester. This procedure terminates on August 3, 2020.

**Transfer Students**

Students transferring into the District shall receive the numerical grade that was earned in courses at another school. Letter grades shall be recorded as follows:

Conversion Scale

A	95
B	85
C	75
F	60

A student who transfers into the District high school with higher-level course credits shall receive credits and grade weights counted toward his or her grade point average (GPA) according to the list of higher-level courses offered in the District and the grade point scale used for credit earned in the District.

Class ranking shall be determined by accumulated grade points divided by the number of courses for which final grades were given. Class ranking and GPAs shall include all coursework earned in grades 9–12, except the following:

**Exclusions**

1. For entering freshmen prior to the 2006–07 school year: physical education; band; athletics; local credit courses; summer school courses; correspondence courses; independent study courses; office aide; teacher aide; school counselor aide; library aide; driver's education; credit by examination, with or without prior instruction; pass/fail courses; courses not recognized by the Texas Education Agency (TEA); and courses taken in a nonaccredited instructional situation.
2. Effective with entering freshmen in the 2006–07 school year: physical education; band; choir; athletics; local credit courses; summer school courses; correspondence courses; independent study courses; office aide; teacher aide; school counselor aide; library aide; driver's education; credit by examination, with or without prior instruction; pass/fail courses; courses not recognized by TEA; and courses taken in a nonaccredited instructional situation.

**Early Graduates**

	Early graduates shall not be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors.
Top Ten Percent	All students whose GPAs comprise the top ten percent of the graduating class and qualify for automatic admission under Education Code 51.803 shall be recognized. Eligibility standards required for the local procedure for determining valedictorian and salutatorian (or other local honor positions) shall not apply to the procedure for determining the top ten percent. The GPA shall be reported on the student's transcript as required by TEA and made available in accordance with the application deadline when requested by the student. [See EIC(LEGAL)]
Weighted Numerical Grade Average	Additional points shall be earned only for class ranking purposes as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Level II: Ten points shall be added to each advanced course semester grade.</li><li>2. Foundation: Five points shall be added to the semester grade for:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. English, other languages, mathematics, science, and social studies if the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) have not been modified.</li><li>b. Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses taken at another school if the TEKS have not been modified.</li></ol></li></ol>
<b>Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Highest-Ranking Graduate</b>	To be eligible for valedictorian, salutatorian, or highest-ranking graduate honors, a student must have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the six consecutive regular semesters immediately preceding graduation and must have completed the Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program for graduation.
Ties	In case of a tie in weighted grade averages among the top ranking students, the following methods shall be used to determine who shall be recognized as salutatorian or valedictorian: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Compute the weighted grade average to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken; or</li><li>2. Compute the weighted grade average of core courses, which shall include English, mathematics, science, and social studies.</li></ol> <p>In the event that a tie remains, covaldictorians shall be named and no salutatorian shall be named.</p>