

## PROPOSED POLICY

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, unless excluded below. The calculation shall include failing grades.

EXCLUSIONS

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in any local credit course or credit recovery course or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

WEIGHTED GRADE  
SYSTEM

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

CATEGORIES

ACADEMIC

Eligible dual credit courses and other courses locally designated as Academic shall be categorized and weighted as Academic courses.

REGULAR

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular 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
Academic	plus 10 points
Regular	plus 0 points

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 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

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
CLASS RANKING

EIC  
(LOCAL)

	<p>the District only if the same or an equivalent course is offered to the same class of students in the District.</p>
LOCAL GRADUATION HONORS	<p>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.</p> <p>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)]</p>
VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation; and</li><li>2. Have completed the Recommended Program, the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, or the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.</li></ol>
BREAKING TIES	<p>In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages after calculation to the thousandths place, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.</p>
HIGHEST RANKING GRADUATE	<p>The local eligibility criteria for recognition as the valedictorian shall not affect recognition of the highest ranking graduate for purposes of receiving the honor graduate certificate from the state of Texas.</p> <p>The District shall calculate class rank for this purpose at the end of the school year.</p>