

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

**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 term grades earned in high school credit courses taken in grades 7-12, unless excluded below.

The class rank calculation shall not include term grades from a course that is retaken after a passing grade has been earned, and the new grade shall not be recorded on the transcript.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned through any of the following courses or methods:

- Courses taken outside the District for evening/night school and summer school;
- Courses taken for local credit;
- Courses for which a pass/fail grade is assigned;
- Through credit by examination when credit has not been obtained;
- Through nonapproved summer foreign study programs; and
- ~~Through nonaccredited schools, including home and charter schools.~~

[For more information regarding the District's calculation of class rank, see the grading handbook.]

**Weighted Grade
System**

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB); Pre-AP, Honors, and Dual Credit; and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

AP and IB

Eligible Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses shall be categorized and weighted as AP and IB courses.

*Pre-AP, Honors,
and Dual Credit*

Eligible Pre-AP, dual credit, and other courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses.

Regular

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

Weighted Numerical
Grade Average

The District shall assign weights to term grades earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average, in accordance with the following:

Category	Weight
AP and IB	Multiplied by 1.2
Pre-AP, Honors, and Dual Credit	Multiplied by 1.1
Regular	Multiplied by 1.0

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

Example:

Course: English 1 AP	
Semester 1: Grade 95 $95 \times 1.2 = 114$ rank points	Semester 2: Grade 98 $98 \times 1.2 = 118$ * rounded

WGA: $114 + 118 = 232/2$ (semesters) = 116

For more details, please view the conversion chart in the JISD Secondary Grading Handbook.

Beginning with the incoming 9th grade class of 2025, the District shall assign weights to semester grades earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average, in accordance with the following.

Categories	Weight
Category 1 Advanced Placement	plus 20

Category 2 Dual Credit UT On Ramps	plus 15
Category 3 Honors	plus 10
Category 4 Regular	plus 0

Please see chart in JISD Secondary Grading Handbook for conversion chart.

Transferred Grades

When a student transfers term 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 term 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 course is offered to the same class of students in the District.

Alpha to numeric transferred letter grades shall be recorded as follows. This transfer grade table will also be used for dual credit grading for transfer grade to colleges or universities.

Letter grade	Number grade
A+	98
A	95
A-	90
B+	88

Letter grade	Number grade
B	85
B-	80
C+	79
C	77
C-	75
D+	74
D	72
D-	70
F	69

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 term~~ **during the student's senior year at the end of the first semester.**

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 rank, respectively. To be eligible for this local graduation honor, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the same District high school since the beginning of the student's junior year.
2. Not have been assigned to a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP) nor have been expelled during the student's high school career.
3. Not have been assigned discipline measures as a result of academic dishonesty as addressed in the grading handbook.

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4. Be graduating after exactly eight ~~terms~~ **semesters** of enrollment in high school; and
5. Complete all District and state requirements for a diploma.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages after calculation to the fourth decimal place, the district shall calculate a weighted numerical grade average using only eligible grades in AP and Dual Credit courses taken by each student involved in the tie. If the tie is not broken after applying these methods, the district shall honor co-valedictorians, and no salutatorian shall be named.

In the case of a tie for the salutatorian position, the district shall honor co-salutatorians.

Honor Graduates

Cum Laude

The district shall recognize as a cum laude honor graduate each student who has earned a weighted numerical grade average of 90.00-94.99 and has been continuously enrolled in the District high school during his or her senior year.

Magna Cum Laude

The district shall recognize as a magna cum laude honor graduate each student who has earned a weighted numerical grade average of 95.00-99.99 and who has been continuously enrolled in the District high school during his or her senior year.

Summa Cum Laude

The district shall recognize as a summa cum laude honor graduate each student who has earned a weighted numerical grade average of 100.00 and above and who has been continuously enrolled in the District high school during his or her senior year.

Local Top 10 Percent

For the purpose of determining local top 10 percent to be recognized during graduation activities, the district shall calculate class rank in accordance with this policy only for those students who have been continuously enrolled in the same District high school for three consecutive terms.

Early Graduates

A student who wishes to graduate in three years or less shall be required to declare his or her intent by the end of the sophomore year, during the first 10 days of the junior year, or during the first 10 days of enrollment when transferring from another district. A three-year graduate must complete the letter of intent to graduate early. A student who wishes to graduate early must complete the foundation program with at least one endorsement and shall meet a college and career readiness indicator. **Reclassification will take place in January.**

A student who graduates in three years shall be eligible to participate in commencement ceremonies.

**Highest-Ranking
Graduate**

The student meeting the local eligibility criteria for recognition as the valedictorian shall also be considered the highest-ranking graduate for purposes of receiving the honor graduate certificate from the state of Texas.

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