

PROPOSED REVISIONS: 5-30-2019

**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 all high school credit courses regardless of when the credit was earned, unless excluded below.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in or by physical education; athletics; drill team; credit recovery; credit by examination, with or without prior instruction; and a local credit course.

In addition, the calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned through the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN), distance learning (traditional correspondence courses), and dual credit courses.

In addition, students from the Aledo ~~Academic Alternative School-Learning Center~~ shall not be ranked.

**Weighted Grade
System**

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced, Honors, and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy.

Categories

Advanced
Placement
Courses

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) courses designated in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as AP courses.

Pre-AP and
Advanced
Courses

Eligible Pre-AP and Advanced courses designated as Pre-AP or Advanced courses in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as Pre-AP or Advanced courses.

Regular Courses

All other eligible courses shall be designated as Regular courses.

Weighted Numerical
Grade Average

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

Category	Weight
AP	multiplied by 1.15

Category	Weight
Pre-AP and Advanced	multiplied by 1.10
Regular	multiplied by 1

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

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

Class Rank

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

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, taken in the following subject areas: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and any Advanced Placement (AP) course not associated with these subjects. Any elective course in one of these subject areas shall be excluded from the calculation.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in any home school course, any credit recovery course, any distance learning course including a Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) course, any local credit course, or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

Any elective course in one of these subject areas shall be excluded from the calculation.

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 Advanced Placement (AP) and a course that has an AP course as a prerequisite shall be categorized and weighted as Category 1 courses.

Category 2

Eligible Pre-AP courses, other courses locally designated as Category 2 courses, and dual credit 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
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

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Grade	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
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

Note: The following provisions shall apply to all students, regardless of their graduating class.

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

Beginning with the class of 2024, the District shall calculate class rank at the conclusion of each semester. Following each calculation period, each student ranked in the top six percent and top ten 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 grade point average (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.

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~~For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank 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)]

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 ~~Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program~~ **foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement** for graduation; 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 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 ten 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 graduate for purposes of receiving the honor graduate certificate from the state of Texas.