

### 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.

**Calculation**

~~Beginning with the class of 2024, t~~The District shall include in the calculation of class rank ~~only semester~~ grades earned for high school credit courses taken in grades 9-12 and only in the following subject areas: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and Economics.

The class rank calculation shall not include semester grades from a course that is retaken after a passing grade has been earned.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

**Exclusions**

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in summer school or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

**Weighted Grade  
System**

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

**Categories**

*Advanced*

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) courses, dual credit courses, and courses locally designated as advanced shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

*Academic*

Eligible courses locally designated as academic shall be categorized and weighted as Academic courses.

*Regular*

All other eligible courses shall be designated as Regular 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	Advanced	Academic	Regular
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

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
CLASS RANKING

EIC  
(LOCAL)

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>Academic</b>	<b>Regular</b>
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
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

\*A grade of 60-69 in an eligible dual credit course shall be recorded as a 70 on the transcript and converted to grade points in accordance with the chart above for purposes of class rank calculation.

**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 grades for courses that would be eligible to receive additional weight under the District's weighted grade

system, the District shall assign weight to those grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District if a similar or an equivalent course is offered to the same class of students in the District.

**Local Graduation Honors**

For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank at the end of the sixth week of the fourth nine-week grading period of the senior year.

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 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 GPAs after calculation to the fourth decimal place, the District shall calculate a weighted GPA using only eligible grades in Advanced courses taken by each student 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.

**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.