

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

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank term grades earned in high school credit courses taken at any grade level, unless excluded below.

The class rank calculation shall not include semester 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 in summer school; any course for which credit is earned outside the regular school day or regular school year; a distance learning course, unless the course is assigned to the student by the District as part of the dual credit or OnRamps program; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

~~For students in the graduating classes of 2022, 2023, and 2024, the calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned after the third nine weeks of the 2019-2020 school year.~~

Weighted Grade  
System

Categories

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced Placement (AP)/dual credit (DC)/OnRamps, Honors, and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

*AP/DC/OnRamps*

Eligible AP, DC, and OnRamps courses shall be categorized and weighted as AP/DC/OnRamps courses.

*Honors*

Eligible 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 Grade  
Point Average

~~For students in the graduating classes of 2022 and 2023, the District shall convert term grades earned in eligible courses to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA):~~

Grade	AP/DC/ OnRamps	Honors	Regular
<del>100-96</del>	<del>5.0-4.6</del>	<del>4.5-4.1</del>	<del>4.0-3.6</del>
<del>95-90</del>	<del>4.5-4.0</del>	<del>4.0-3.5</del>	<del>3.5-3.0</del>

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<del>89–85</del>	<del>3.9–3.5</del>	<del>3.4–3.0</del>	<del>2.9–2.5</del>
<del>84–80</del>	<del>3.4–3.0</del>	<del>2.9–2.5</del>	<del>2.4–2.0</del>
<del>79–75</del>	<del>2.9–2.5</del>	<del>2.4–2.0</del>	<del>1.9–1.5</del>
<del>74–70</del>	<del>2.4–2.0</del>	<del>1.9–1.5</del>	<del>1.4–1.0</del>
<del>Below 70</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>

~~Beginning with students in the graduating class of 2024, t~~<sup>I</sup>he District shall convert term grades earned in eligible courses to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA):

Grade	AP/DC/ OnRamps	Honors	Regular
100–96	5.0–4.6	4.5–4.1	4.0–3.6
95–90	4.5–4.0	4.0–3.5	3.5–3.0
89–85	3.9–3.5	3.4–3.0	2.9–2.5
84–80	3.4–3.0	2.9–2.5	2.4–2.0
79–75	2.9–2.5	2.4–2.0	1.9–1.5
74–70	2.4–2.0	1.9–1.5	1.4–1.0
69–65	1.9–1.5	0	0
64–60	1.4–1.0	0	0
Below 60	0	0	0

The state passing standard for high school credit is 70; therefore, a student must earn an overall 70 for an AP course, a dual credit course, or an OnRamps course in order to receive high school credit. Although a grade of 60–69 in a dual credit course generally counts for college credit, each institution of higher education determines its own passing standard.

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 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 in accordance with this policy and administrative regulations by using

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	<p>grades available at the time of calculation after the <u>fall semester</u> <del>first 18 weeks</del> 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 two years immediately preceding graduation;</li><li>2. Be graduating after exactly four years of enrollment in high school; and</li><li>3. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.</li></ol>
Ties	<p>In case of a tie in weighted GPAs, after calculation to the fourth decimal place, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Count the number of AP, DC, and OnRamps courses taken by each student involved in the tie.</li><li>2. Calculate a weighted GPA using only eligible grades in AP, DC, or OnRamps courses taken by each student involved in the tie.</li></ol> <p>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.</p>
Highest-Ranking Graduate	<p>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.</p>