

**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 any grade level in the following subject areas only: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English.

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.

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**Note:** The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating classes of 2026 and 2027.

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**Weighted Grade  
System**

Categories

*Advanced*

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

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

*Honors*

Eligible dual credit courses 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 semester grades earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average in accordance with the following:

Category	Weight
Advanced	plus 12
Honors	plus 10
Regular	plus 0

Points shall be added to failing grades.

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

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**Note:** The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2028.

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**Weighted Grade System**

Categories

*Advanced / Honors*

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

Eligible AP courses, dual credit courses, and other courses locally designated as advanced/honors shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced/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 semester grades earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average in accordance with the following:

Category	Weight
Advanced/Honors	plus 10
Regular	plus 0

Points shall be added to failing grades.

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

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

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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 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 grades available at the time of calculation at the end of the third 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)]

Local Honors

The District shall recognize the top 10 students who have been enrolled continuously in the District high school for four semesters immediately preceding graduation, excluding summer sessions (a student holding migrant status is exempt from being continuously enrolled; however, he or she shall follow the requirement to be enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation).

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 District high school for four semesters immediately preceding graduation, excluding summer sessions (a student holding migrant status is exempt from being continuously enrolled; however, he or she shall follow the requirement to be 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*

For students in the graduating classes of 2026 and 2027, in case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages after calculation to the third decimal place, the District shall calculate a weighted numerical grade average using only eligible grades in Advanced and Honors courses taken by each student involved in the tie to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2028, in case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages after calculation to the third decimal place, the District shall calculate a weighted numerical grade average using only eligible grades in Advanced/Honors

courses taken by each student involved in the tie to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian.

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.