

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

<p>GRADE 9 BEFORE THE 2009–10 SCHOOL YEAR</p>	<p>The following provisions apply to students who entered grade 9 before the 2009–10 school year.</p>
<p>CALCULATION</p>	<p>The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in all high school credit courses taken in grades 9–12, except as excluded in this policy.</p>
<p>EXCLUSIONS</p>	<p>The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in physical education, a course substituted for physical education, a local credit course, or a traditional correspondence course.</p>
<p>WEIGHTED GRADE SYSTEM</p>	<p>The District shall categorize and weight courses in three categories: AP, Dual Credit/Incentive, and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy.</p>
<p>CATEGORIES</p>	
<p>ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)</p>	<p>All eligible AP courses for which credit is earned in the District shall be awarded AP weight.</p>
<p>DUAL CREDIT / INCENTIVE COURSES</p>	<p>All eligible dual credit courses for which high school credit is awarded by the District, as well as eligible courses locally designated as incentive courses, shall be awarded dual credit/incentive weight. Courses locally designated as incentive courses shall be listed in the student handbook.</p>
<p>REGULAR COURSES</p>	<p>All other eligible courses shall be awarded weight as Regular courses.</p>
<p>TRANSFERRED GRADES</p>	<p>When a student transfers credits from another district, the District shall categorize and weight all such courses as Regular courses within the grade weight system used by the District.</p>
<p>WEIGHTED NUMERICAL GRADE AVERAGE</p>	<p>Upon a student’s completion of an entire course (i.e., the full semester of a one-semester course or both semesters of a two-semester course), the District shall assign weights to semester grades and shall calculate a weighted numerical grade average in accordance with the following scale:</p>

Category	Weight
AP	plus 7 points
Dual Credit/Incentive	plus 5 points
Regular	plus 0 points

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

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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 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 salutarian 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; and
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

BREAKING
TIES

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutarian:

1. Compute the weighted numerical grade average to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.
2. Calculate an unweighted numerical grade average only using eligible grades earned in AP, dual credit, and incentive courses.

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.

HONOR
GRADUATES

The District shall recognize as a magna cum laude graduate each student who has earned a cumulative weighted numerical grade average no lower than 95.0.

The District shall recognize as a cum laude graduate each student who has earned a cumulative weighted numerical grade average of 90.0–94.9999.

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BEGINNING WITH
GRADE 9 IN THE 2009–
10 SCHOOL YEAR
CALCULATION

Application of the following provisions began with students who entered grade 9 in the 2009–10 school year.

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in all high school credit courses taken in grades 9–12, except as excluded in this policy.

EXCLUSIONS

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in physical education, a course substituted for physical education, a local credit course, or a traditional correspondence course. Grades earned through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction, shall also be excluded.

END-OF-COURSE
ASSESSMENT
SCORES

The District shall not include scores from end-of-course (EOC) assessments in calculations for class rank.

WEIGHTED GRADE
SYSTEM
CATEGORIES

The District shall categorize and weight courses in two categories, Advanced and Regular, in accordance with provisions of this policy.

ADVANCED

All eligible AP and dual credit courses for which credit is earned in the District, as well as all courses locally designated as incentive courses, shall be awarded Advanced weight. Courses locally designated as incentive courses shall be listed in the student handbook.

REGULAR

All other eligible courses shall be awarded weight as Regular courses.

TRANSFERRED
GRADES

When a student transfers credits from another district, the District shall categorize and weight all such courses as Regular courses within the grade weight system used by the District.

WEIGHTED
NUMERICAL
GRADE AVERAGE

Upon a student's completion of an entire course (i.e., the full semester of a one-semester course or both semesters of a two-semester course), the District shall assign weights to semester grades and shall calculate a weighted numerical grade average in accordance with the following scale:

Category	Weight
Advanced	plus 10 points
Regular	plus 0 points

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

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VALEDICTORIAN
AND
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The valedictorian and salutarian 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. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and
3. Have completed the Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program for graduation.

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TIES

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutarian:

1. Compute the weighted numerical grade average to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.
2. Calculate an unweighted numerical grade average only using eligible grades earned in Advanced courses.

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