

**Numerical GPA**

All eligible courses in grades 9–12 shall be graded on a 100-point system using the semester grades.

Eligible courses for the computation of the grade point average (GPA) are outlined in EIC(REGULATION).

**Unweighted GPA**

All eligible courses in grade 9–12 shall be graded on a 100-point system using the semester grades. All eligible courses utilized in the calculation of the numerical GPA shall be utilized in the un-weighted GPA.

**Weighted GPA**

A weighted GPA shall be calculated based on all eligible courses utilized in the calculation of the GPA. The weighted grade scale in EIC(REGULATION) shall be utilized for the conversion to determine the weighted GPA.

**Class Rank Calculation**

Class rank shall be based on a weighted grade point system.

**Rank in Class Process**

A student shall be notified for the first time of his or her rank at the end of the first semester in his or her sophomore year.

The final top ten percent ranks shall be determined at the end of the student's senior year.

Weights shall be assigned to Texas Education Agency (TEA)-approved state high school graduation courses for determining class rank, as delineated in EIC(REGULATION).

**Conversions**

Conversion tables shall be established for the following situations in which letter grades are awarded instead of numerical grades:

- Letter grades from accredited schools; and
- Letter grades from an accredited college for students enrolled in a course that is utilized for state high school graduation credit.

Equivalents shall be used to convert to numerical grades. [See EIC(REGULATION)] The converted grades shall be utilized for the various GPA calculations and the appropriate District weights for class rank. Honors courses from other districts that are not designated as honors courses in the District shall be evaluated according to the District's course weights.

Out-of-country students' grade equivalency shall be determined by the evaluation of the students' transcripts.

### 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 fifth six-week grading period.

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 this local graduation honor, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the same District high school for the two full school years immediately preceding graduation;
2. Have an enrollment date no later than on or before September 1 of the student's junior year;
3. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement (beginning with the graduating class of 2021); and
4. Be graduating in no more than four years of high school.

~~Be graduating in no more than four years of high school. The valedictorian shall be the eligible student with the highest weighted grade point average (GPA) in the senior class, and the salutatorian shall be the student with second highest GPA in the senior class. All eligibility requirements listed regarding class rank, valedictorian, and salutatorian must be met in order to qualify as the valedictorian or salutatorian. In the event that the student with the first or second highest weighted GPA is not eligible the next highest ranking class member who is eligible shall receive the honor.~~

~~For purposes of determining valedictorian and salutatorian honors, weighted grade point averages shall be based on grades earned in the eight semesters preceding graduation. Class rankings shall be calculated to a point where a definite rank can be established. If students have the same units and grade points, then the numerical grades shall be used to determine the valedictorian and salutatorian.~~

Eligibility

~~To be eligible for recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian, the student must have met all requirements for graduation and been enrolled in DeSoto High School by the beginning of the third week in the first semester of his or her senior year.~~

A student graduating ~~at midterm or~~ at the end of summer school shall not be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the third decimal place, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.

**Class Rank  
Calculation**

~~Class rank shall be based on a weighted grade point system. The objectives of this system are:~~

- ~~1. To provide a method of rewarding academic success.~~
- ~~2. To select a valedictorian, a salutatorian, and honor graduates.~~
- ~~3. To determine class rank (including top ten percent).~~
- ~~4. To reward students for achievement in Pre-AP, AP, and G/T classes.~~

~~Excluded Courses~~

~~Class rankings for a class shall be calculated as follows:~~

- ~~1. At the end of the sophomore year;~~
- ~~2. At the end of the junior year;~~
- ~~3. During the spring of the senior year (cumulative through seven semesters only); and~~
- ~~4. After final grades are posted.~~

~~Not included in this calculation are credit by examination, local credit courses, dual credit courses (taken on a college campus), summer school, night school, correspondence courses, and courses taken prior to grade 9.~~

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 the same or an equivalent course is offered to the same class of students in the District.

**Weighted Course Designations**

~~This system is divided into three levels:~~

- ~~1. Level 3 shall be all designated Pre-AP, AP, and G/T courses.~~
- ~~2. Level 2 shall be all on-grade level courses.~~
- ~~3. Level 1 shall be all remedial and below-grade level courses.~~

~~The first digit of the six-digit course number indicates the level of the course. Courses beginning with a digit higher than "3" shall be classified as Level 3 courses. The tens digit of the semester numerical grade shall determine the whole number grade points earned and the ones digit shall determine the decimal value of grade points earned. The following chart shall show how many grade points are earned for any grade for any course. A grade below 70 in any level shall be calculated as a grade point of 0. For example:~~

~~A grade of 87 in a Level 3 course equals 4.7 points.~~

~~A grade of 87 in a Level 2 course equals 3.7 points.~~

~~A grade of 87 in a Level 1 course equals 2.7 points.~~

~~All information on grade point averages shall be given on the basis of a 5.0 average, although it would be possible to have an average higher than 5.0.~~

~~Grade Point Average (GPA)~~

~~Grade points awarded:~~

	<del>6.0</del>	<del>5.9-5.0</del>	<del>4.9-4.0</del>	<del>3.9-3.0</del>	<del>2.9-2.0</del>	<del>1.9-1.0</del>
<del>Level 3</del>	<del>100</del>	<del>99-90</del>	<del>89-80</del>	<del>79-70</del>		
<del>Level 2</del>		<del>100</del>	<del>99-90</del>	<del>89-80</del>	<del>79-70</del>	



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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
CLASS RANKING

EIC  
(LOCAL)

~~[See EIC(LOCAL), CREDIT AND GRADE POINTS]~~