

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.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating classes of ~~2020, 2021,~~ and 2022.

Calculation

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

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in summer school, unless assigned by the District as credit recovery; a distance learning course, unless the course receives prior approval from the administration; any local credit course; any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; college credits that are not dual credit; LOTE courses taken concurrently outside normal school hours; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

~~Beginning with the graduating class of 2021, a~~ A student shall have the option to exclude from his or her class rank calculation grades earned in grade 11 or grade 12 in an eligible athletics or fine arts course.

**Weighted Grade
System**

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Tier III, Tier II, and Tier I in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

Tier III

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Pre-AP courses, and other courses locally designated as advanced shall be categorized and weighted as Tier III courses.

Tier II

Eligible dual credit courses, academic decathlon courses, and independent student mentorship (ISM) courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier II courses.

Tier I

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier I 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):

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

Grade	Tier III	Tier II	Tier I
100	6.0	5.5	5.0
99	5.9	5.4	4.9
98	5.8	5.3	4.8
97	5.7	5.2	4.7
96	5.6	5.1	4.6
95	5.5	5.0	4.5
94	5.4	4.9	4.4
93	5.3	4.8	4.3
92	5.2	4.7	4.2
91	5.1	4.6	4.1
90	5.0	4.5	4.0
89	4.9	4.4	3.9
88	4.8	4.3	3.8
87	4.7	4.2	3.7
86	4.6	4.1	3.6
85	4.5	4.0	3.5
84	4.4	3.9	3.4
83	4.3	3.8	3.3
82	4.2	3.7	3.2
81	4.1	3.6	3.1
80	4.0	3.5	3.0
79	3.9	3.4	2.9
78	3.8	3.3	2.8
77	3.7	3.2	2.7
76	3.6	3.1	2.6
75	3.5	3.0	2.5
74	3.4	2.9	2.4
73	3.3	2.8	2.3
72	3.2	2.7	2.2
71	3.1	2.6	2.1
70	3.0	2.5	2.0
Below 70	0	0	0

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2023.

Calculation

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

The calculation shall include failing grades.

Exclusions

For a student in the graduating class of 2023, the calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in summer school, unless assigned by the District as credit recovery; a distance learning course, unless the course receives prior approval from the administration; any local credit course; any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; college credits that are not dual credit; LOTE courses taken concurrently outside normal school hours; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

Beginning with the class of 2024, the calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in any local credit course; any course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

A student shall have the option to exclude from his or her class rank calculation grades earned in grade 11 or grade 12 in an eligible athletics or fine arts course.

Weighted Grade System

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Tier III, Tier II, and Tier I in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

Tier III

Eligible AP courses, International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, and [other courses designated in the academic guide](#) ~~locally designated advanced courses~~ shall be categorized and weighted as Tier III courses.

Tier II

Eligible dual credit courses, Pre-AP courses, academic decathlon courses, independent student mentorship (ISM) courses, ~~and~~ Project Lead the Way courses, [and locally designated advanced courses](#) shall be categorized and weighted as Tier II courses.

Tier I

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier I 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 GPA:

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

Transferred Grades	<p>When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Tier I category and the District has accepted the credit, the District shall include the grades in the calculation of class rank.</p> <p>When a student in the graduating classes of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 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.</p> <p>Beginning with the graduating class of 2026, 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.</p>
Reporting Class Rank	<p>Beginning with the class of 2019, aAfter each calculation period, students in the top ten percent shall be told their exact class rank in accordance with administrative procedures. The lowest weighted GPA of students in the top ten percent, the first quartile, the second quartile, and the third quartile shall be communicated to all students in the class after each calculation period.</p> <p>The District shall include on the official transcript of each student in the top ten percent the student's specific numerical rank out of the specific total class size.</p>
Local Graduation Honors	<p>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.</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 at each District high school shall be the eligible students with the highest and second-highest rank,</p>

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 four semesters immediately preceding graduation, with enrollment by the first day of the second nine-week grading period;
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 fifth decimal place, the District shall calculate a weighted GPA using only eligible AP courses taken by each student involved in the tie.

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.