

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	<p>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.</p> <p>The class rank calculation shall not include semester grades from a course that is retaken after a passing grade has been earned.</p> <p>The calculation shall include failing grades. A subsequent passing grade for a failed course shall be recorded on a student's transcript but shall not be included in the calculation of class rank.</p>
Exclusions	<p>The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in summer school programs taken abroad; any local credit course, including any state credit course repeated for local credit; <u>any</u> distance learning course, <u>unless the course is taken through the District's virtual or hybrid learning program, including a correspondence course</u>; or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction, <u>unless a passing grade is earned</u>.</p> <p>In addition, for a course that earns more than one credit, the District shall use the semester grades once in the calculation, in the same manner as for a single credit course.</p>
Weighted Grade System	<p>Note: The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025.</p> <p>For the graduating classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025, 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.</p>
Categories	
Advanced	Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) and dual credit courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.
Honors	Eligible courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses.
Regular	All other eligible courses not included in the Advanced or Honors category shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.
Weighted Numerical 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	multiplied by 1.10
Honors	multiplied by 1.07
Regular	multiplied by 1.00

No points shall be added to failing grades.

Note: ~~The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2026.~~

Weighted Grade System

Categories

Advanced

Eligible AP courses shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

Dual Credit

Eligible dual credit courses shall be categorized and weighted as Dual Credit courses.

Honors

Courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses.

Regular

All other eligible courses not included in the Advanced or Honors category shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

Weighted Numerical 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	multiplied by 1.10
Dual Credit	multiplied by 1.07
Honors	multiplied by 1.07
Regular	multiplied by 1.00

No points shall be added to failing grades.

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

Transferred Grades	When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Regular category or the Basic 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.
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.
Valedictorian and Salutatorian	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(LE-GAL)]
Ties	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: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation; and2. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement. In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages after calculation to the fifth decimal place, 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.