

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
CLASS RANKING

EIC  
(LOCAL)

**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**

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank grades earned in all high school credit courses regardless of when the credit was earned, unless excluded below.

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.

**Exclusions**

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in physical education; athletics; band; choir; a local credit course; any distance learning course; any dual credit course; any course substituted for physical education; or through credit by examination, with or without instruction.

**Weighted Grade  
System**

**Categories**

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

*Advanced*

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

*Honors*

Eligible ~~Pre-AP~~ courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses.

*Regular*

All other eligible courses shall be designated 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 10
Honors	plus 5
Regular	plus 0

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

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Transferred Grades	<p>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.</p> <p>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>
<b>Local Graduation Honors</b>	<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 fifth six-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 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 rank for the purpose of automatic admission under state law. [See EIC(LEGAL)]</p>
Valedictorian and Salutatorian	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Have been enrolled in the District high school as a full-time student during his or her senior year;</li><li>2. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation.</li><li>3. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement; and</li><li>4. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.</li></ol>
<i>Breaking Ties</i>	<p>In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages after calculation to the fourth decimal place, the District shall count the number of <u>Advanced and Honors</u> <del>AP and Pre-AP</del> courses taken by each student involved in the tie to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian.</p> <p>If the tie is not broken after applying this method, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.</p>

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Honor Graduates	The District shall recognize as an honor graduate each student who has earned a weighted numerical grade average <del>no lower than</del> <u>at least</u> 90, regardless of the graduation program.
<b>Highest-Ranking Graduate</b>	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.