

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

VALEDICTORIAN AND
SALUTATORIAN

To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors, a student must have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the full four years preceding graduation.

The student with the highest numerical average on the most advanced graduation plan shall be the valedictorian; the student with the second highest numerical average on the most advanced graduation plan shall be the salutatorian.

Grades earned by credit by examination, correspondence courses, and vocational adjustment class (VAC) shall not be used in computing grade point average.

Grades earned in band, physical education, and athletics shall be used in computing grade point averages. If band is used by the student to meet the fine arts requirement, the first two semesters of band taken in grades 9–12 shall be used as a fine arts credit in determining grade point average. Beginning with the class of 2008, any high school course taken prior to ninth grade for which a student earned state graduation credit shall be included in the computing grade point averages.

Advanced electives, Pre-AP and AP courses, and dual credit courses shall receive an added weight of ten percent of the grade.

TIES

In the event of a tie, the student taking the most advanced courses shall be valedictorian. If a tie still exists, the student with the highest numeric average for the senior year shall receive the honor. If a tie still exists, the average for the prior year shall be used until the tie is broken. The same method shall be used if a tie exists for salutatorian.

TOP TEN PERCENT

All students whose grade point averages make up the top ten percent of the graduating class and qualify for automatic admission under Education Code 51.803 shall be recognized. Eligibility standards required for the local procedure for determining valedictorian and salutatorian (or other local honor positions) shall not apply to the procedure for determining the top ten percent. The GPA shall be reported on the student's transcript and made available in accordance with the application deadline for the college or university when requested by the student. [See EIC(LEGAL)]

HIGHEST RANKING
STUDENT

If a student has completed fewer than four years of work at the District high school and has the highest grade point average in the graduating class, he or she shall be recognized as the highest ranking student during the graduation ceremonies.