

## PROPOSED REVISIONS

### GRADE 9 BEFORE THE 2009–10 SCHOOL YEAR

The following provisions apply to students who entered grade 9 before the 2009–10 school year.

#### CALCULATION

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in all high school credit courses taken in grades 9–12, except as excluded in this policy.

#### EXCLUSIONS

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in physical education; a course substituted for physical education; a local credit course; or a traditional correspondence course.

### WEIGHTED GRADE SYSTEM

The District shall categorize and weight courses in three categories: AP, Dual Credit/Incentive, and Regular, in accordance with provisions of this policy.

#### CATEGORIES

##### ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

All eligible AP courses for which credit is earned in the District shall be awarded AP weight.

##### DUAL CREDIT / INCENTIVE COURSES

All eligible dual credit courses for which high school credit is awarded by the District, as well as eligible courses locally designated as Incentive courses shall be awarded dual credit/incentive weight. Courses locally designated as Incentive courses shall be listed in the student handbook.

##### REGULAR COURSES

All other eligible courses shall be awarded weight as Regular courses.

#### TRANSFERRED GRADES

When a student transfers credits from another district, the District shall categorize and weight all such courses as Regular courses within the grade weight system used by the District.

#### WEIGHTED NUMERICAL GRADE AVERAGE

Upon a student's completion of an entire course (i.e., the full semester of a one-semester course or both semesters of a two-semester courses), the District shall assign weights to semester grades and calculate a weighted numerical grade average, in accordance with the following scale:

Category	Weight
AP	plus 7 points
Dual Credit/Incentive	plus 5 points
Regular	plus 0

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	<p>The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.</p>
LOCAL GRADUATION HONORS	<p>For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank at the end of the fifth six-week grading period of the senior year. The average of the fourth and fifth six-week grades shall be used as the semester grade for this purpose.</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 ranking 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 ranking, respectively. To be eligible for such recognition, a student must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the two school years immediately preceding graduation; and</li><li>2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.</li></ol>
BREAKING TIES	<p>In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Compute the weighted numerical grade average to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.</li><li>2. Calculate an unweighted numerical grade average only using eligible grades earned in AP, dual credit, and incentive courses.</li></ol> <p>If the tie is not broken after applying these methods, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.</p>
HONOR GRADUATES	<p>The District shall recognize as a magna cum laude graduate each student who has earned a cumulate weighted numerical grade average no lower than 95.0.</p> <p>The District shall recognize as a cum laude graduate each student who has earned a cumulate weighted numerical grade average of 90.0–94.9999.</p>

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<b>BEGINNING WITH GRADE 9 IN THE 2009– 10 SCHOOL YEAR CALCULATION</b>	<p>Application of the following provisions began with students who entered grade 9 in the 2009–10 school year.</p> <p>The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in all high school credit courses taken in grades 9–12, except as excluded in this policy.</p>						
<b>EXCLUSIONS</b>	<p>The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in physical education; a course substituted for physical education; a local credit course; or a traditional correspondence course; or earned through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.</p>						
<b>END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENT SCORES</b>	<p>The District shall not include scores from end-of-course (EOC) assessments in calculations for class rank.</p>						
<b>WEIGHTED GRADE SYSTEM CATEGORIES</b>	<p>The District shall categorize and weight courses in three categories: Advanced and Regular, in accordance with provisions of this policy.</p>						
<b>ADVANCED</b>	<p>All eligible AP and dual credit courses for which credit is earned in the District, as well as all courses locally designated as incentive courses, shall be awarded Advanced weight. Courses locally designated as incentive courses shall be listed in the student handbook.</p>						
<b>REGULAR</b>	<p>All other eligible courses shall be awarded weight as Regular courses.</p>						
<b>TRANSFERRED GRADES</b>	<p>When a student transfers credits from another district, the District shall categorize and weight all such courses as Regular courses within the grade weight system used by the District.</p>						
<b>WEIGHTED NUMERICAL GRADE AVERAGE</b>	<p>Upon a student's completion of an entire course (i.e., the full semester of a one-semester course or both semesters of a two-semester courses), the District shall assign weights to semester grades and calculate a weighted numerical grade average, in accordance with the following scale:</p> <table><tr><th>Category</th><th>Weight</th></tr><tr><td>Advanced</td><td>plus 10 points</td></tr><tr><td>Regular</td><td>plus 0</td></tr></table> <p>The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.</p>	Category	Weight	Advanced	plus 10 points	Regular	plus 0
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Advanced	plus 10 points						
Regular	plus 0						

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**LOCAL  
GRADUATION  
HONORS**

For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank at the end of the fifth six-week grading period of the senior year. The average of the fourth and fifth six-week grades shall be used as the semester grade for this purpose.

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 ranking for the purpose of automatic admission under state law. [See EIC(LEGAL)]

**VALEDICTORIAN  
AND  
SALUTATORIAN**

The valedictorian and salutarian shall be the eligible students with the highest and second highest ranking, respectively. To be eligible for such recognition, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the two school years immediately preceding graduation;
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and
3. Have completed the Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program for graduation.

**BREAKING  
TIES**

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutarian:

1. Compute the weighted numerical grade average to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.
2. Calculate an unweighted numerical grade average only using eligible grades earned in AP, dual credit, and incentive courses.

If the tie is not broken after applying these methods, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.

**HONOR  
GRADUATES**

The District shall recognize as a magna cum laude graduate each student who has earned a cumulate weighted numerical grade average no lower than 95.0.

The District shall recognize as a cum laude graduate each student who has earned a cumulate weighted numerical grade average of 90.0–94.9999.

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<del>RANK IN CLASS</del>	<del>Rank in class shall be determined at the end of the fifth six-week grading period or at the end of the third quarter grading period, as appropriate for the report card schedule in place, by computing an overall weighted grade average for each student.</del>
<del>COURSES NOT INCLUDED</del>	<del>No grades received for physical education, athletics, band when used as a substitute for a physical education credit, office/library aide, correspondence courses, or any local credit course shall be included in the computation of weighted grade averages. Grades in band shall be included in the computation when the course is taken as a fine arts credit.</del>
<del>TRANSFERRED GRADES</del>	<del>Grades transferred from other school districts shall be included in the computation of weighted grade averages; however, no incentive weight shall be awarded to grades transferred. Transferred letter grades shall be converted to numerical grades before averages are computed. The conversion shall be as follows:</del>  <del>1. Grades recorded as A-, A, or A+, or their equivalents, shall be assigned the value of 92, 95, or 98, respectively.</del>  <del>2. Grades recorded as B-, B, or B+, or their equivalents, shall be assigned the value of 82, 85, or 88, respectively.</del>  <del>3. Grades recorded as C-, C, or C+, or their equivalents, shall be assigned the value of 75, 77, or 79, respectively.</del>  <del>4. Grades recorded as D-, D, or D+, or their equivalents, shall be assigned the value of 70, 72, or 74, respectively.</del>  <del>5.3. Grades translated to have a value below the numerical value of 70 shall be considered failing and shall be assigned a value of 65.</del>
<del>INCENTIVE WEIGHT</del>	<del>For the purpose of determining class ranking only, incentive weight shall be awarded for AP courses, dual credit courses, and courses designated and listed as incentive courses in the student handbook. Incentive weight shall only be awarded, however, upon completion of an entire course, i.e., the full semester of a one-semester course or both semesters of a two-semester course.</del>  <del>Seven points shall be added to each student's final grade average in each AP course.</del>  <del>Five points shall be added to each student's final grade average in each dual credit course and in any courses designated by the District in the student handbook as incentive courses.</del>

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	<del>Incentive weights shall not be reflected in the grades reported on the academic achievement record.</del>
<del>REGULAR COURSES</del>	<del>All eligible courses not designated as incentive courses shall be designated as regular courses for the purpose of determining class ranking. No points shall be added to the final grade averages in regular courses.</del>
<del>VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN</del>	<del>To be eligible for recognition as the valedictorian or salutatorian of a graduating class, a student must have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the two years immediately prior to graduation and must be graduating in no more than eight nor no fewer than eight semesters. The student meeting these criteria with the highest weighted grade average shall be recognized as the valedictorian; the student meeting these criteria with the second highest weighted grade average shall be recognized as the salutatorian.</del>
<del>TIES</del>	<del>In the event of a tie for the highest and second highest weighted grade averages, the following methods shall be used to determine who shall be recognized as valedictorian and salutatorian:</del>  <del>1. The weighted grade averages shall be computed to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken; or</del>  <del>2. The actual numerical grade averages earned in AP courses, dual credit courses, and incentive courses shall be used to determine these honors.</del>
<del>HONOR GRADUATES</del>	<del>The magna cum laude award shall be presented to those students having a cumulative four-year weighted grade average of 95.0 or higher.</del>  <del>The cum laude award shall be presented to those students having a cumulative four-year weighted grade average from 90.0 through 94.9999.</del>