

**Item of information on Local District Update (EIC)**  
**July 15,2024**

1. Background:

Please bear in mind that the (LEGAL) policies reflect the ever-changing legal context for governance and management of the district. They will not need to be adopted but, rather, should inform local decision-making. The (LOCAL) policy recommendations in this update will need close attention by both the administration and the board to ensure that they reflect the practices of the district's (LOCAL) policy.

2. Process:

The (LOCAL) policy recommendations in this update will need close attention by both the administration and the board to ensure that they reflect the practices of the district's (LOCAL) policy. This is the first review and reading for updating local EIC policy and will be brought back in August for final approval. This update has been prepared by TASB Policy Services, in conjunction with C&I and UHS. TASB services will incorporate EIC update into the district's On-Line Policy view and will send the blue pages for the blue binder with the adoption date stamp after approval.

3. Fiscal Impact:

No Fiscal Impact.

4. Recommendation:

Update EIC is for review only at this time.

5. Required:

Approval action will be required at second reading.

6. Contact Person:

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**PROPOSED REVISIONS: 7.8.2024**

**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.

**Dual Credit**

~~In order to receive the high school credit portion of a dual credit course, the District has determined that the course provides advanced academic instruction and the course grade shall be at least 70 on the college grading scale. Although a grade of 60 is considered passing on the college level grading scale, high school credit is not awarded. If a student earns a college grade of 69 or below, the student shall recover the high school credit if the course or credit is required for high school graduation. This shall require the student to retake the high school equivalent course. [See EI and EHDD]~~

**Calculation**

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken in the following subject areas only: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English.

**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.

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**Note:** The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating class of 2025, 2026, and 2027.

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**Weighted Grade System**

Categories

*Advanced*

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.

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

*Honors*

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

*Regular*

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

Weighted Numerical Grade Average

The District shall assign weights to semester grades earned in eligible courses and shall calculate a weighted numerical grade average in accordance with the following:

Category	Weight
Advanced	plus 12
Honors	plus 10
Regular	plus 0

Points shall be added to failing grades.

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

~~A student in a designated weighted course who does not maintain a passing grade of a 70 or above for a nine-week period shall be placed on academic probation for the next nine-week period. If at the end of that grading period the student is not passing with a grade of a 70 or above, he or she shall be rescheduled into a regular course.~~

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**Note:** The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2028.

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**Weighted Grade System**

**Categories**

*Advanced / Honors*

*Regular*

**Weighted Numerical Grade Average**

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.

Eligible AP courses, dual credit courses, and other courses locally designated as advanced/honors shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced/Honors courses.

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

The District shall assign weights to semester grades earned in eligible courses and shall calculate a weighted numerical grade average in accordance with the following:

Category	Weight
Advanced / Honors	plus 10

Category	Weight
Regular	plus 0

Points shall be added to failing grades.

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

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

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Transferred Grades

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.

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 similar or equivalent courses are 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.

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)]

~~Early Graduates~~

~~Early graduates shall be defined as those students who complete the graduation requirements in fewer than eight semesters.~~

~~To be eligible to graduate in three years, a student shall complete all required coursework and state-mandated testing.~~

~~For the purpose of local honors, an early graduate shall be allowed to tie in rank with a four-year graduate but shall not be allowed to displace a four-year graduate in ranking for purposes of eligibility to receive graduation ceremony honors. An early graduate shall not be eligible for the honor positions of valedictorian or salutatorian.~~

Valedictorian and  
Salutatorian

~~A student graduating at midyear shall be ranked at the end of the year. A student graduating after the end of the school year shall be ranked when all requirements are met and shall not be allowed to displace in rank a student who graduated at the end of the school year.~~

~~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:~~

- ~~1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for four semesters immediately preceding graduation, excluding summer sessions (a student holding migrant status is exempt);~~
- ~~2. Attend the first day of school through the last day of the regular school year (a student holding migrant status is exempt);~~
- ~~3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and~~
- ~~4. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.~~

~~Beginning with the graduating class 2023,~~ 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:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for four semesters immediately preceding graduation, excluding summer sessions (a student holding migrant status is exempt from being continuously enrolled; however, he or she shall follow the requirement to be enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation);
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 numerical grade averages after calculation to the ~~thousandths~~ **third decimal** place, the District shall calculate a weighted numerical grade average using only eligible grades in Advanced and Honors courses taken by each student involved in the tie to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian.

**Beginning with the graduating class of 2028, in case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages after calculation to the**

third decimal place, the District shall calculate a weighted numerical grade average using only eligible grades in Advanced/Honors courses taken by each student involved in the tie to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian.

*Local Honors*

~~For the purpose of local honors, the top ten students shall have been enrolled for six consecutive semesters prior to graduation.~~

~~Beginning with the graduating class of 2023,~~ The top ten students shall have been enrolled continuously in the District high school for four semesters immediately preceding graduation, excluding summer sessions (a student holding migrant status is exempt from being continuously enrolled; however, he or she shall follow the requirement to be enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation).

**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.