

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

HONOR GRADUATES	Grade point average (GPA) shall be used for class rank and academic awards in high school.
CLASS RANK	Class rank, used primarily by colleges and universities in determining admission, shall be calculated on the same basis as honor graduates. All eligible grades shall be submitted in sufficient time for data processing purposes. The District shall recalculate the rank and cumulative GPA of students in grades 9–11 in August and after January 15. The GPAs of students in grade 12 shall be recalculated in August, after January 15, after the fifth six weeks, and at the end of the second semester.
ACADEMIC HONORS	Regardless of the graduation plan, a student may be eligible to graduate with academic honors if the student has a cumulative GPA of 4.0 or above. The student shall receive special recognition at the graduation ceremony.
GRADE POINT AVERAGE	GPA shall be computed by dividing the total accumulated grade points by the total number of eligible courses completed. Eligible courses shall consist of those approved by the state for graduation credit. These courses may be taken prior to grade 9 if the student qualifies for placement. Grades from all eligible courses, including lost credit courses, failed courses, duplicated courses, and credit by examination shall be used in the computation. Grade point averages for the purpose of determining academic honor graduates and class rank shall be rounded to four decimal places. The following courses shall be ineligible for GPA computation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pass/fail courses,• Student aide/office courses,• Audited courses, and• Local credit courses. No more than four credits or eight grades of physical education may be used for graduation or computation purposes.
TRANSFER STUDENTS	Transfer students from accredited schools shall be eligible to be honor graduates on the basis of their academic record as determined by this policy. When transfer grades are reported by letter grades rather than numerically, the conversion shall be made according to policy and regulations.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating class of 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

**CONSISTENT APPLI-
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UATING 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.

The District shall recalculate the rank and cumulative GPA of students in grades 9–11 in August and after January 15 of each year. The GPAs of students graduating in the current school year shall be recalculated in August, after January 15, after the fifth six weeks, and at the end of the second semester.

The target dates for recalculations shall be determined prior to the beginning of each school year. Rank and GPA calculations for students in grades 7-8 shall not be calculated or archived unless the students are taking courses for high school credit.

**WEIGHTED GRADE
SYSTEM
CATEGORIES**

The District shall categorize and weigh eligible courses as Tier One, Tier Two, and Tier Three in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

TIER ONE

Eligible general education courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier One courses.

TIER TWO

Eligible Pre-AP, IH courses and Dual non-core courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier Two courses.

TIER THREE

Eligible AP, IB and Dual Core content courses shall be categorized as Tier Three courses.

**VALEDICTORIAN AND
SALUTATORIAN**

~~The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the students with the first and second highest GPA in their graduating class. Selection of the valedictorian and salutatorian shall be determined at the end of the fifth six-week reporting period of the senior year. Transfer students must complete their last two full years of high school in that high school in order to be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors.~~

**WEIGHTED GRADE
POINTS AVERAGE**

~~Grade points for all eligible courses shall be assigned based on the conversion table below. Grade points shall be used for determining GPA, rank in class, and status as an honor graduate. The District shall convert semester grades earned in eligible courses~~

to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA)

Grade Actual Course Grade	Grade Points		
	Tier One General Education Courses	Tier Two Pre-AP/Pre IB/Dual Credit Non-Core-Content Courses	Tier Three AP/IB/AP-Dual Credit Core-Content
100	5.00	6.00	6.50
99	4.90	5.88	6.37
98	4.80	5.76	6.24
97	4.70	5.64	6.11
96	4.60	5.52	5.98
95	4.50	5.40	5.85
94	4.40	5.28	5.72
93	4.30	5.16	5.59
92	4.20	5.04	5.46
91	4.10	4.92	5.33
90	4.00	4.80	5.20
89	3.90	4.68	5.07
88	3.80	4.56	4.94
87	3.70	4.44	4.81
86	3.60	4.32	4.68
85	3.50	4.20	4.55
84	3.40	4.08	4.42
83	3.30	3.96	4.29
82	3.20	3.84	4.16
81	3.10	3.72	4.03
80	3.00	3.60	3.90
79	2.90	3.48	3.77
78	2.80	3.36	3.64
77	2.70	3.24	3.51
76	2.60	3.12	3.38
75	2.50	3.00	3.25
74	2.40	2.88	3.12
73	2.30	2.76	2.99
72	2.20	2.64	2.86
71	2.10	2.52	2.73
70	2.00	2.40	2.60
Below 70	0.00	0.00	0.00

~~WEIGHTED GRADE
POINT-COURSE
QUALIFICATIONS~~

~~Courses that have weighted grade points shall be reviewed and approved by the Board at the regularly scheduled December Board meeting.~~

~~Proposals for additional courses to receive weighted grade points shall be submitted to advanced academic services no later than~~

~~November 1 for review. Advanced academic services shall submit the proposal to the Superintendent's cabinet prior to submission to the Board.~~

~~Weighted grade points shall be assigned to transfer grades only when the courses are clearly designated as weighted classes on the official school transcript.~~

~~Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes shall have an increased weight of 1.5 over General Education courses and 0.5 over Pre-AP/Pre-IB/Dual Credit Non-Core Content courses.~~

~~Students who are taking a dual enrollment class in a core content area (mathematics, science, social studies, and English language arts) shall receive the extra 1.5 weight over General Education courses and 0.5 weight over Pre-AP/Pre-IB/Dual Credit Non-Core Content courses.~~

TRANSFERRED GRADES

When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Tier One 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.

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 fall semester 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)]

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

The valedictorian and salutarian shall be the eligible students who have graduated under the Recommended, Distinguished or Foundation with Endorsement graduation plan with the highest and second-highest rank, respectively. To be eligible for this local graduation honor, a student must have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the two school years immediately preceding graduation.

BREAKING TIES

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian:

1. Compute the weighted numerical grade average to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.
2. Compare the total number of AP and IB courses by each student involved in the tie, including AP courses that were not eligible for the original calculation of weighted GPAs. The student with the greatest number shall receive the highest honor.
3. Calculate the student's GPA, computed to the hundred-thousandths place, using only AP and IB courses, including AP courses that were not eligible for the original calculation of weighted GPAs.

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.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2021.

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.

The District shall recalculate the rank and cumulative GPA of students in grade 9 – 11 in August and after January 15 of each year. The GPAs of students graduating in the current school year shall be recalculated in August, after January 15, and at the end of the second semester.

The target dates for recalculations shall be determined prior to the beginning of each school year. Rank and GPA calculations for students in grades 7 – 8 shall not be calculated or archived unless the students are taking courses for high school credit.

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, Languages other than English, and all IB courses.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

EXCLUSIONS

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in the non-IB electives. Courses that are not IB, core or languages other than English shall be ineligible for GPA computation.

WEIGHTED GRADE SYSTEM

The District shall categorize and weigh eligible courses as Tier One, tier Two, and Tier Three in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

CATEGORIES

TIER ONE

Eligible general core and languages other than English courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier One courses.

TIER TWO

Eligible Pre-AP, IH, and Dual core courses, and Pre-AP, IH and Dual languages other than English courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier Two courses.

TIER THREE

Eligible AP and IB core, IB non-core, and AP and IB languages other than English courses shall be categorized as Tier Three courses.

WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The District shall convert semester grades earned in eligible courses to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA)

Grade	Tier One	Tier Two	Tier Three
100	4.0	4.5	5.0
99	3.9	4.4	4.9
98	3.8	4.3	4.8
97	3.7	4.2	4.7
96	3.6	4.1	4.6
95	3.5	4.0	4.5
94	3.4	3.9	4.4
93	3.3	3.8	4.3
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87	2.7	3.2	3.7
86	2.6	3.1	3.6

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82	2.2	2.7	3.2
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80	2.0	2.5	3.0
79	1.9	2.4	2.9
78	1.8	2.3	2.8
77	1.7	2.2	2.7
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74	1.4	1.9	2.4
73	1.3	1.8	2.3
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school for the two school years immediately preceding graduation.

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