

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AGENDA

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(A)  Report Only  Recognition

Presenter(s):

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

(B)  Action Item

Presenter(s):           SAMUEL MIJARES, ASST. SUPT. FOR C & I

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO APPROVE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO POLICY EIC(LOCAL): ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT – CLASS RANKING.**

(C) Funding Source: Identify the course of funds if any are required

(D) Clarification: Explain any question or issues that might be raised regarding this item.



# **Eagle Pass Independent School District**

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

**September 3, 2013**

**TO: Gilberto Gonzalez, Superintendent**

**FROM: Samuel Mijares, Assistant Superintendent for C & I**

**RE: PROPOSED REVISIONS TO EIC (LOCAL)**

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The revisions to school board policy EIC (Local) reflect changes for students entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2013-2014 school year. The District has changed the weights to grades earned in the Pre-AP, AP, and Dual Credit courses taken in an effort to encourage students to take more advanced courses in preparation for college.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at extension 1011.

SM/lcm

## PROPOSED REVISIONS: 9/4/2013-2

**GRADE 9 BEFORE THE  
2013–14 SCHOOL  
YEAR**

The following provisions shall apply to students who entered grade 9 before the 2013–14 school year.

**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 in the following subjects: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English, and any Advanced Placement (AP) course not associated with these subjects, and approved dual credit courses.

**EXCLUSIONS**

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in or by a local credit course; a course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; credit by examination, and with or without prior instruction.

In addition, the calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned through distance learning.

**WEIGHTED  
NUMERICAL GRADE  
AVERAGE**

The District shall assign weights to grades earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average per semester, in accordance with the following scale if the grade earned in Advanced Placement is any grade, and if the grade earned in Pre-advanced placement and Dual Credit and Regular is 80 or above:

Category	Weight
Advanced Placement	plus 10
Pre-Advanced Placement and Dual Credit	plus 5
Regular	plus zero

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

**BEGINNING WITH  
GRADE 9 IN THE 2013–  
14 SCHOOL YEAR**

Application of the following provisions began with students who entered grade 9 in the 2013–14 school year.

**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 in the following subjects: English, mathematics,

science, social studies, and languages other than English, and any Advanced Placement (AP) course not associated with these subjects, and approved dual credit courses.

EXCLUSIONS

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in or by a local credit course; a course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; credit by examination, and with or without prior instruction.

In addition, the calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned through distance learning and in dual credit courses taken through a college with which the District does not have a partnership agreement.

WEIGHTED GRADE SYSTEM

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced Placement Courses, Pre-Advanced Placement and Dual Credit, and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy.

CATEGORIES

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Eligible AP courses designated in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced Placement courses.

PRE-ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND DUAL CREDIT

Pre-Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses designated in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as Pre-Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses.

REGULAR COURSES

All other eligible courses shall be designated as Regular courses.

WEIGHTED NUMERICAL GRADE AVERAGE

The District shall assign weights to grades earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average per semester, in accordance with the following scale if the grade earned is 70 or above:

Category	Weight
Advanced Placement Courses	plus 20
Pre-Advanced Placement and Dual Credit	plus 10
Regular	plus zero

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
CLASS RANKING

EIC  
(LOCAL)

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

TRANSFERRED  
GRADES

When a student transfers grades for properly documented and eligible courses, the District shall assign weight to those grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District, if a similar or equivalent course is 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 using grades available at the time of calculation at the end of the third nine-week grading period of the senior year. The grade for the third nine-week grading period 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 same high school in the District for the two academic school years immediately preceding graduation;
2. Have completed the Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program for graduation; and
3. Be graduating after exactly four years of enrollment in high school.

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.

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.

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
CLASS RANKING**

**EIC  
(LOCAL)**

**HONOR  
GRADUATES**

The District shall recognize with white cords each student in the top five percent of the graduating class, including the valedictorian and the salutatorian.

The District shall recognize with gold cords each student who has completed the Recommended Program or Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program with a cumulative weighted numerical grade average no lower than 90.