

PROPOSED REVISIONS: 1-11-2016

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.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating classes of 2016, 2017, and 2018.

CALCULATION

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken in grades 9–12 only, unless excluded below.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

EXCLUSIONS

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in summer school, night school, business administrative/aides, a distance learning course, unless the course is either assigned to the student by the District or offered as a course option along with traditional District courses, and any dual credit course without district approval, or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

WEIGHTED GRADE
SYSTEM

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.

CATEGORIES

ADVANCED

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) and dual credit courses designated as advanced shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

HONORS

Eligible Pre-AP 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 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	Advanced	Honors	Regular
100	6.0	5.0	4.0
99	5.9	4.9	3.9
98	5.8	4.8	3.8
97	5.7	4.7	3.7

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Grade	Advanced	Honors	Regular
96	5.6	4.6	3.6
95	5.5	4.5	3.5
94	5.4	4.4	3.4
93	5.3	4.3	3.3
92	5.2	4.2	3.2
91	5.1	4.1	3.1
90	5.0	4.0	3.0
89	4.9	3.9	2.9
88	4.8	3.8	2.8
87	4.7	3.7	2.7
86	4.6	3.6	2.6
85	4.5	3.5	2.5
84	4.4	3.4	2.4
83	4.3	3.3	2.3
82	4.2	3.2	2.2
81	4.1	3.1	2.1
80	4.0	3.0	2.0
79	3.9	2.9	1.9
78	3.8	2.8	1.8
77	3.7	2.7	1.7
76	3.6	2.6	1.6
75	3.5	2.5	1.5
74	3.4	2.4	1.4
73	3.3	2.3	1.3
72	3.2	2.2	1.2
71	3.1	2.1	1.1
70	3.0	2.0	1.0
Below 70	0	0	0

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

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grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District only if a similar or an equivalent course is offered to the same class of students in the District.

When a student transfers from a nonaccredited school, only grades earned in the District shall be used for determining averages for ranking.

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 sixth week (second interim progress report) of the fourth 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)]

VALEDICTORIAN
AND SALUTATORIAN

The valedictorian and salutarian 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 the two full school years immediately preceding graduation; and
2. Have completed the Recommended Program, the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, or the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

BREAKING TIES

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the ten-thousandths place, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutarian:

1. Calculate a weighted GPA using only eligible grades earned in English, mathematics, science, and social studies.
2. Use the scores of the same standardized college entrance tests if the test has been taken by all of the students.

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.

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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.

Note: The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2019.

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 calculation shall include failing grades.

EXCLUSIONS

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in credit recovery or through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction.

WEIGHTED GRADE
SYSTEM

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.

CATEGORIES

ADVANCED

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) and other courses locally designated as advanced shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

HONORS

Eligible **Pre-AP, 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.

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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	Advanced	Honors	Regular
100	6.05.0	5.04.5	4.0
99	5.94.9	4.94.4	3.9
98	5.84.8	4.84.3	3.8
97	5.74.7	4.74.2	3.7
96	5.64.6	4.64.1	3.6
95	5.54.5	4.54.0	3.5
94	5.44.4	4.43.9	3.4

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Grade	Advanced	Honors	Regular
93	5.34.3	4.33.8	3.3
92	5.24.2	4.23.7	3.2
91	5.14.1	4.13.6	3.1
90	5.04.0	4.03.5	3.0
89	4.93.9	3.93.4	2.9
88	4.83.8	3.83.3	2.8
87	4.73.7	3.73.2	2.7
86	4.63.6	3.63.1	2.6
85	4.53.5	3.53.0	2.5
84	4.43.4	3.42.9	2.4
83	4.33.3	3.32.8	2.3
82	4.23.2	3.22.7	2.2
81	4.13.1	3.12.6	2.1
80	4.03.0	3.02.5	2.0
79	3.92.9	2.92.4	1.9
78	3.82.8	2.82.3	1.8
77	3.72.7	2.72.2	1.7
76	3.62.6	2.62.1	1.6
75	3.52.5	2.52.0	1.5
74	3.42.4	2.41.9	1.4
73	3.32.3	2.31.8	1.3
72	3.22.2	2.21.7	1.2
71	3.12.1	2.11.6	1.1
70	3.02.0	2.01.5	1.0
69	2.91.9	1.91.4	
68	2.81.8	1.81.3	
67	2.71.7	1.71.2	
66	2.61.6	1.61.1	
65	2.51.5	1.51.0	
64	2.41.4		
63	2.31.3		
62	2.21.2		
61	2.11.1		
60	2.01.0		

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TRANSFERRED GRADES	<p>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.</p> <p>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 a similar or an equivalent course is offered to the same class of students in the District.</p> <p>When a student transfers from a nonaccredited school, only grades earned in the District shall be used for determining averages for ranking.</p>
LOCAL GRADUATION HONORS	<p>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 sixth week (second interim progress report) of the fourth nine-week grading period of the senior year.</p> <p>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)]</p>
VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="560 1381 1443 1449">1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the two full school years immediately preceding graduation;<li data-bbox="560 1476 1443 1543">2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and<li data-bbox="560 1570 1443 1665">3. Have completed the Recommended Program, the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, or the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.
BREAKING TIES	<p>In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the ten-thousandths place, the District shall calculate a weighted GPA using only eligible grades in Advanced courses to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian.</p>

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If the tie is not broken after applying these methods for valedictorian, covaleditorians shall be declared, and no salutatorian shall be recognized. If a tie exists for salutatorian, all students who tie shall be recognized.

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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.