

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

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**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.

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken at any grade level.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

**Weighted Grade
System**

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Honors and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

Honors

Eligible Individual Humanities Program (IHP) courses, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Pre-AP courses, and other locally designated courses 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	Honors	Regular
100	5.0	4.0
99	4.9	3.9
98	4.8	3.8
97	4.7	3.7
96	4.6	3.6
95	4.5	3.5
94	4.4	3.4
93	4.3	3.3
92	4.2	3.2
91	4.1	3.1
90	4.0	3.0
89	3.9	2.9
88	3.8	2.8
87	3.7	2.7
86	3.6	2.6

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85	3.5	2.5
84	3.4	2.4
83	3.3	2.3
82	3.2	2.2
81	3.1	2.1
80	3.0	2.0
79	2.9	1.9
78	2.8	1.8
77	2.7	1.7
76	2.6	1.6
75	2.5	1.5
74	2.4	1.4
73	2.3	1.3
72	2.2	1.2
71	2.1	1.1
70	2.0	1.0
Below 70	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 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.

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.

	<p>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>
Early Graduation	<p>A student who wishes to graduate in fewer than four years shall be required to declare his or her intent, by the end of his or her ninth grade year, by completing an early graduate form, which must be signed by the student, parent/guardian, school counselor, and principal.</p>
Midyear Graduates	<p>A student shall be allowed to graduate at the end of the fall term if he or she has completed all graduation requirements.</p> <p>A student who graduates at the end of the fall term shall be ranked among the students who will graduate during the spring. Midyear graduate rank shall be based on the GPA at the end of the fall term.</p> <p>A midyear graduate shall be eligible to participate only in the next scheduled commencement ceremony. As a graduate, he or she shall no longer be eligible for any student privileges.</p>
Summer Graduates	<p>A student who graduates during the summer shall be ranked with the class that graduated during the previous spring. Summer graduates shall be eligible to participate in the next scheduled commencement ceremony. As a graduate, he or she shall no longer be eligible for any student privileges.</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">1. Have been continuously enrolled in the same District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation;2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and3. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.
Breaking Ties	<p>In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the thousandths place, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Count the number of Honors courses taken by each student involved in the tie.

2. Calculate a weighted GPA using only eligible grades in Honors courses taken by each student involved in the tie.
3. Calculate an unweighted numerical grade average using grades earned in all eligible Honors courses taken by each student involved in the tie.

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

Students who earn a GPA of 3.0 or above shall be designated as honor graduates and shall be recognized during commencement exercises. Averages shall not be rounded up. Students who earn a GPA of 3.5–3.65 shall earn recognition as cum laude graduates. Students who earn a GPA of 3.66–4.0 shall receive recognition as magna cum laude graduates. Students who earn a GPA of 4.1–5.0 shall earn recognition as summa cum laude graduates.

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.