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CLASS RANKING

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Calculation The District shall include in the calculation of class rank grades earned in all courses to which state graduation credit is applied, unless excluded below.

Exclusions The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in physical education, athletics, repeated courses, and credit recovery courses.

Weighted Grade System The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced, Regular, and Basic in accordance with provisions of this policy.

Advanced Courses Courses with an Honors designation in the student handbook, third-year languages other than English, Anatomy and Physiology, Precalculus, eligible college-level courses, dual credit courses, and courses taken for the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program and notated in the student handbook shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

Regular Courses All other eligible courses, excluding those listed as Basic courses below, shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

Basic Courses Remedial courses, compensatory courses, modified TEKS courses, and summer school courses shall be categorized and weighted as Basic courses.

Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) The District shall convert grades earned in eligible courses to grade points and shall calculate a weighted GPA in accordance with the following chart:

Grade	Advanced	Regular	Basic
100	5.0	4.0	3.0
99	4.9	3.9	2.9
98	4.8	3.8	2.8
97	4.7	3.7	2.7
96	4.6	3.6	2.6
95	4.5	3.5	2.5
94	4.4	3.4	2.4
93	4.3	3.3	2.3
92	4.2	3.2	2.2
91	4.1	3.1	2.1
90	4.0	3.0	2.0
89	3.9	2.9	1.9
88	3.8	2.8	1.8
87	3.7	2.7	1.7

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Grade	Advanced	Regular	Basic
86	3.6	2.6	1.6
85	3.5	2.5	1.5
84	3.4	2.4	1.4
83	3.3	2.3	1.3
82	3.2	2.2	1.2
81	3.1	2.1	1.1
80	3.0	2.0	1.0
79	2.9	1.9	0.9
78	2.8	1.8	0.8
77	2.7	1.7	0.7
76	2.6	1.6	0.6
75	2.5	1.5	0.5
74	2.4	1.4	0.4
73	2.3	1.3	0.3
72	2.2	1.2	0.2
71	2.1	1.1	0.1
70	2.0	1.0	0.0

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.

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 fifth six-week grading period of the senior year. The average of the fourth and fifth six-week grades 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 salutatorian 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 District high school since the eleventh day of instruction of his or her junior year;

2. Have completed the Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program for graduation; and
3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

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 GPA to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.
2. Calculate a weighted GPA using only eligible grades earned in Advanced courses.

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.