

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, unless excluded below.

Exclusions

The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in or by physical education, athletics, and a local credit course.

Weighted Grade System

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

Categories

Advanced Courses

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

Core Courses

Courses in English, mathematics, science, and social studies not otherwise labeled as AP or dual credit shall be categorized and weighted as Core 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, in accordance with the following scale:

| Category | Weight |
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| Advanced | multiplied by 1.12 |
| Core | multiplied by 1.06 |
| Regular | multiplied by 1.00 |

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.

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

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| | <p>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)]</p> |
| <p>Valedictorian and Salutatorian</p> | <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation;2. Have completed the Recommended Program, the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, or the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation program; and3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school. |
| <p><i>Highest Ranking Graduate</i></p> | <p>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 scholarship certificate from the state of Texas.</p> |
| <p><i>Breaking Ties</i></p> | <p>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 salutatorian:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Compute the weighted numerical grade average to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.2. Compare the number of weighted courses taken by each student involved in the tie.3. Compare scores on standardized college entrance tests, if the same tests were taken by all students involved in the tie. <p>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.</p> |