

**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 but only in the following subject areas: English, mathematics, science, and social studies.

The calculation shall include failing grades.

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**Note:** The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating classes of 2023 and 2024.

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**Weighted Grade  
System**

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

Categories

*Tier II*

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

*Tier I*

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier I courses.

Weighted Numerical  
Grade Average

The District shall assign weights to semester grades earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average, in accordance with the following:

Category	Weight
Tier II	plus 10 percent
Tier I	plus 0

No points shall be added to failing grades.

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

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**Note:** The following provisions shall apply to students in the graduating class of 2025.

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**Weighted Grade  
System**

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Tier III, Tier II, and Tier I in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

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- Tier III* Eligible AP courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier III courses.
- Tier II* Eligible dual credit courses and other courses locally designated as advanced shall be categorized and weighted as Tier II courses.
- Tier I* All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier I courses.
- Weighted Numerical Grade Average The District shall assign weights to semester grades earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average, in accordance with the following:

Category	Weight
Tier III	plus 15 percent
Tier II	plus 10 percent
Tier I	plus 0

No points shall be added to failing grades.

The District shall record unweighted numerical grades on student transcripts.

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**Note:** The following provisions shall apply to students beginning with the graduating class of 2026.

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**Weighted Grade System**

Categories

- Tier III* Eligible AP courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier III courses.
- Tier II* Eligible dual credit courses and other courses locally designated as advanced shall be categorized and weighted as Tier II courses.
- Tier I* All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Tier I 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):

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<b>Grade</b>	<b>Tier III</b>	<b>Tier II</b>	<b>Tier I</b>
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
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

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**Note:** The following provisions shall apply to all students, regardless of their graduating class.

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**Transferred Grades** When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible under the Tier I 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 the same 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 two weeks prior to the end of the spring semester of senior year.

Grades received in May for dual credit courses shall also be included in the calculation.

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 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:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the four school years immediately preceding graduation;
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and
3. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

*Breaking Ties*

In case of a tie in weighted numerical grade averages, after calculation to the fourth decimal place, the District shall count the number of AP courses taken by each student involved in the tie to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian.

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If the tie is not broken after applying this method, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.

Honor Graduates

The District shall recognize as honor graduates the ten highest-ranking graduates who have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

**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.