

Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in all courses taken for high school graduation requirements, including failing grades.

Exclusions

Grades for which credit is earned through distance learning courses, including course taken through the Texas Virtual School Network; credit restoration courses; summer school courses; self-paced courses; and credit by examination shall not be used in the calculation of class rank.

Additionally, students who do not meet the curriculum requirements for the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school program shall not be included in the calculation of class rank.

Weighted Grade System

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

Categories

Advanced Courses

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

Regular Courses

Local credit courses do not count toward the grade point average (GPA). All other eligible courses shall be designated as Regular courses.

Modified Courses

Modified and remedial courses are described in the approved course catalog each year. Remedial courses include STAAR remedial courses, practical writing, and reading improvement. Modified courses may include special education resource classes and special education self-contained classes. Courses taken in an alternative education program (AEP) shall also be considered Modified.

Weighted GPA

The District shall convert semester grades to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted GPA:

Grade	Advanced	Regular	Modified
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

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Grade	Advanced	Regular	Modified
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

Transferred Grades

When a student transfers grades for properly documented 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 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 rank as required by state law. The District's eligibility criteria for local graduation honors shall ap-

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ply 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 such recognition, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school since the last day of the first grading period of the school year preceding the school year of graduation; and
2. Have completed the Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program for graduation.

Breaking Ties

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the thousandths place, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.