

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

**Weighted Grade
Point Average**

The District shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA) using a weighted grade point scale. The calculation of the weighted GPA shall extend to the ten-thousandths place (0.0000). The weighted GPA shall be recorded on the student's academic achievement record (AAR) to be used for multiple purposes including, but not limited to, academic honors or awards; applications for college entrance, scholarships, employment, or internships; and recommendations for non-District programs.

Calculation

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

The calculation shall include failing grades.

**Exceptions to
Courses Used for
Computing Weighted
GPA**

Courses that earn local credit only shall not be included in the weighted GPA or be considered for class rank.

**Categories
Beginning with the
Graduating Class of
2020**

Beginning with students in the graduating class of 2020, the District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Advanced, Pre-AP, and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Advanced

Eligible AP courses, dual credit courses, and other courses locally designated as advanced shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

Pre-AP

Eligible Pre-AP courses shall be categorized and weighted as Pre-AP courses.

Regular

All other eligible courses shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

School Year 2020-21

**Class Rank
Calculation**

Class rank for seniors shall be based on a weighted grade point average using semester grades taken for state graduation credit. These semester grades shall be converted to grade points according to the District's weighted grade point scale. Class rank shall be calculated at the end of the fifth marking period of the senior year to determine valedictorian, salutatorian, and honor graduates, solely for the purposes of local recognizing and roles in graduation ceremonies. The average of the fourth and fifth marking period grades shall be used as the semester grade for this purpose. The final calculation of class rank shall occur once all grades [for the 2020-21 school year](#) have been recorded and all graduation requirements have been met.

[For the 2020-21 school year only, as a transition provision, given the revision to this policy on April 22, 2021, the class rank of a](#)

graduating senior for local purposes will be calculated based on both the version of this policy, EIC (Local), that was in effect immediately before the revision of this policy on April 22, 2021, and the amended version. The higher class ranking resulting from the two calculations will be used, only for local purposes such as graduation ceremonies.

The District will record on student official transcripts, class ranking for the top twenty percent each graduating senior class, based on this policy as revised. The District will certify to the state higher education coordinating board the names and class ranks of students who rank in the top ten percent of their campus graduating class, as determined after all final grades for the 2020-21 school year have been submitted. The official transcripts of students who graduate in the 2020-21 or later school years will record grade point averages based on the version of this policy as revised on April 22, 2021.

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 have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the two school years preceding graduation and must have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

Ties

In case of a tie for valedictorian, the student with the highest numerical average shall be named valedictorian. If a tie still remains, the student with the highest overall SAT score, if taken, shall be named valedictorian. Co-valedictorians shall be named if a tie still remains. In case of a tie for salutatorian, all those who tie shall be named co-salutatorians.

Honor Graduates

All graduating students meeting all the following criteria shall be recognized as honor graduates:

1. Rank in the top 20 percent of the graduating class;
2. Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement; and
3. Have attended the District high school for the entire senior year, with the student entering no later than the first day of the second marking period of the senior year.

Honor graduates shall be classified and recognized as follows:

1. Summa cum laude: Top two percent of the graduating class, including the valedictorian and salutatorian;

2. Magna cum laude: Top three to ten percent of the graduating class; and
3. Cum laude: Top 11–20 percent of the graduating class.

Early Graduates

To be eligible to graduate early, a student shall complete all coursework and exit-level testing required of the grade 9 class in which he or she began high school.

A student who completes the high school program requirements in fewer than four years shall be ranked in the class with which he or she actually graduates.

Early graduates shall be eligible for honor graduate positions.

Transfer Students

Students who transfer to the District high school with credit for G/T, honors, dual credit, AP, or Pre-AP courses from previous schools shall only be granted the extra weight for those courses if a comparable G/T, honors, dual credit, AP, or Pre-AP course was available to students enrolled at the District high school at the time the transferring student earned the course credit.

Transferred Grades

In the event a numerical value cannot be obtained for a transferred letter grade, the District shall make the following conversion:

1. Grades recorded as A–, A, or A+, or their equivalents, shall be assigned the value of 92, 95, or 98, respectively.
2. Grades recorded as B–, B, or B+ or their equivalents, shall be assigned the value of 82, 85, or 88, respectively.
3. Grades recorded as C–, C, or C+, or their equivalents, shall be assigned the value of 72, 75, or 78, respectively.
4. Grades recorded as a D, or its equivalent, shall be assigned the value of 70.
5. Grades translated to have a value below the numerical value of 70 shall be considered failing and shall be assigned a value of 60.

Weighted GPA

Beginning with the
Graduating Class of
2020

Beginning with students in the graduating class of 2020, the District shall convert semester grades earned in eligible courses to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted GPA:

Grade	Advanced	Pre-AP	Regular
100	5.0	4.5	4.0
99	4.9	4.4	3.9
98	4.8	4.3	3.8

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97	4.7	4.2	3.7
96	4.6	4.1	3.6
95	4.5	4.0	3.5
94	4.4	3.9	3.4
93	4.3	3.8	3.3
92	4.2	3.7	3.2
91	4.1	3.6	3.1
90	4.0	3.5	3.0
89	3.9	3.4	2.9
88	3.8	3.3	2.8
87	3.7	3.2	2.7
86	3.6	3.1	2.6
85	3.5	3.0	2.5
84	3.4	2.9	2.4
83	3.3	2.8	2.3
82	3.2	2.7	2.2
81	3.1	2.6	2.1
80	3.0	2.5	2.0
79	2.9	2.4	1.9
78	2.8	2.3	1.8
77	2.7	2.2	1.7
76	2.6	2.1	1.6
75	2.5	2.0	1.5
74	2.4	1.9	1.4
73	2.3	1.8	1.3
72	2.2	1.7	1.2
71	2.1	1.6	1.1
70	2.0	1.5	1.0
Below 70	0	0	0

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Weighted GPA

Effective with the
2020-2021 School
Year

Effective with the 2020-2021 school year, the District shall convert semester grades earned in eligible courses to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted GPA:

Grade	Advanced	Pre-AP	Regular
100	5	4.5	4
99	4.9	4.4	3.9
98	4.9	4.4	3.9
97	4.8	4.3	3.8
96	4.8	4.3	3.8
95	4.7	4.2	3.7
94	4.7	4.2	3.7
93	4.7	4.2	3.7
92	4.6	4.1	3.6
91	4.6	4.1	3.6
90	4.5	4	3.5
89	4.4	3.9	3.4
88	4.4	3.9	3.4
87	4.3	3.8	3.3
86	4.3	3.8	3.3
85	4.2	3.7	3.2
84	4.2	3.7	3.2
83	4.2	3.7	3.2
82	4.1	3.6	3.1
81	4.1	3.6	3.1
80	4	3.5	3
79	3.9	3.4	2.9
78	3.8	3.3	2.8
77	3.7	3.2	2.7
76	3.6	3.1	2.6
75	3.5	3	2.5
74	3.4	2.9	2.4
73	3.3	2.8	2.3
72	3.2	2.7	2.2
71	3.1	2.6	2.1
70	3	2.5	2
Below 70	0	0	0