

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

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VALEDICTORIAN AND
SALUTATORIAN

The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the students with the highest ranking as determined by the District's class ranking procedures described in this policy and who complete the Recommended or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program. The valedictorian shall be the honor student who has the highest grade point average, calculated to the sixth decimal place at the end of the third nine weeks of the senior year. The salutatorian shall be the honor student with the second highest grade point average, calculated to the sixth decimal place at the end of the third nine weeks of the senior year. In the event that the student with the first or second highest total grade point average does not fully qualify, the next highest ranking member who is fully qualified shall receive the honor.

A student must be a continuously enrolled, full-time student in the District high school for the last three semesters to be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian. Effective for the students entering grade 9 in the 2005–06 school year and thereafter, a student must be a continuously enrolled, full-time student in the District high school for the last four semesters and must be enrolled by the first day of school of each year to be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian.

A student graduating in fewer than four years or at midterm or in the summer shall not be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian.

TIES

All grade points shall be calculated to the sixth decimal place. Should a tie for valedictorian or salutatorian occur, the tie shall be broken as follows:

1. The student with the highest total grade points earned in the last semester shall be the valedictorian or salutatorian.
2. If there is still a tie, the student with the highest total grade points earned the previous semester shall be the valedictorian or salutatorian. This process shall be repeated for each previous semester until the tie is broken.

TOP TEN PERCENT

All students whose grade point averages make up the top ten percent of the graduating class and qualify for automatic admission under Education Code 51.803 shall be recognized. Eligibility standards required for the local procedure for determining valedictorian and salutatorian (or other local honor positions) shall not apply to the procedure for determining the top ten percent. The official top ten percent of students in the graduating class shall be determined by final class ranking. Class rankings shall be computed up to the sixth decimal place, as necessary, to designate the top ten percent of students.

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GRADE POINT

The following courses shall not be included in the GPA calculation:

- Local credit courses,
- High school credit courses taken in grades 7 and 8,
- Credit by examination courses,
- Summer school courses, and
- Distance learning courses.

The grade point average scale consists of three categories:

1. Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate — 5.0
2. Pre-AP or Pre-IB or Dual Enrollment — 4.5
3. Regular — 4.0

GPA shall be determined on a weighted 5.0 scale. Grade points shall be awarded to those courses offered at the District high school that are designated as TEA-approved, Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses, Pre-AP, Pre-IB, or dual enrollment courses.

A conversion table for determining GPA is available in the registrar's office and on the District's Web site. Courses with 4.0 or fewer grade points shall not be included in the GPA calculation of class ranking purposes when a senior has a grade point average above 4.0 and has fulfilled all course requirements in his or her graduation plan.

EARLY GRADUATION

To be eligible to graduate early, a student shall complete all course work and exit-level testing required of other students in his or her entering freshman class. A student's class ranking shall be determined within the graduating class of the school year in which the student completes all requirements for a diploma, regardless of the number of years the student is enrolled in high school. Early graduates shall be eligible for all honors, except valedictorian and salutatorian, if they meet all eligibility requirements.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

The District accepts credit from all public schools in the United States and private schools recognized by the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission. A student who transfers into the District with Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate credits shall receive District equivalent grade points toward the GPA if the courses meet the criteria below:

1. The courses are labeled as Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses.
2. The courses meet the appropriate level of academic rigor.

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To qualify to deliver a graduation address or to be part of the graduation program or platform, a student shall not have engaged in serious misconduct defined by and in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct resulting in an alternative discipline placement over the previous two years.