

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
CLASS RANKING

EIC  
(LOCAL)

GRADE 9 BEFORE THE 2014–15 SCHOOL YEAR	The following provisions shall be applicable to students who entered grade 9 before the 2014–15 school year.
CALCULATIONS	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	<p>The calculations of class rank shall exclude grades earned in or by physical education, athletics, cheerleading, or student aide.</p> <p>In addition, the calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in dual credit classes.</p>
WEIGHTED GRADE SYSTEM	The District shall categorize and weigh eligible courses as Tier One and Tier Two.
TIER ONE	Tier One courses shall include Chemistry, Physics, Precalculus, Spanish II, Spanish III, all Advanced Placement (AP) courses, all Pre-AP courses, and Accounting.
TIER TWO	Tier Two courses shall include all other courses, including all courses taken through Odyssey.
GRADE POINTS	<p>For purposes of calculating class rank, the District shall convert grades earned in eligible courses to grade points and shall calculate a weighted grade point average (GPA) in accordance with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tier One (Grade +10) multiplied by 0.10</li><li>• Tier Two (Grade) multiplied by 0.10</li></ul> <p>The District shall record the unweighted numerical grades on the transcript.</p>
TRANSFERRED GRADES	<p>When a student transfers a grade for a properly documented and eligible course, a weighted course taken in another district shall be designated as a Tier Two course if the District does not offer the same weighted course.</p> <p>Letter grades shall be converted to numerical grades as follows:</p> <p>A+ = 98    A = 95    A- = 90</p> <p>B+ = 88    B = 85    B- = 80</p> <p>C+ = 78    C = 75    C- = 71</p> <p>D = 70    F = 69</p>

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For the purpose of applications to institutions of higher education, the District shall also calculate class ranking 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 ranking 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 ranking, respectively. To be eligible for such recognition, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for his or her junior and senior years immediately preceding graduation;
2. Have completed the Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program for graduation or have completed the foundation program with an endorsement or the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation program; and
3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

BREAKING TIES

In case of a tie in weighted GPAs, the District shall apply the following methods, in this order, to determine recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian:

1. Compute the weighted GPA to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.
2. Compare the graduation plans of the students. The student graduating under the more rigorous plan shall be named valedictorian.
3. Compare the number of weighted courses taken by each student involved in the tie.
4. Calculate a weighted GPA only using eligible grades earned in English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English.
5. Compare scores on standardized college entrance tests if the same tests were taken by all students involved in the tie.

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	<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>						
HONOR GRADUATES	<p>The District shall recognize as an honor graduate each student who has earned an overall weighted GPA of at least 9.0.</p>						
GRADE 9 IN 2014–15 AND BEYOND	<p>The following provisions shall be applicable to students who entered grade 9 beginning in the 2014–15 school year.</p>						
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EXCLUSIONS	<p>The calculations of class rank shall exclude grades earned in or by physical education, athletics, cheerleading, student aide, or Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL).</p> <p>In addition, the calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in dual credit courses.</p>						
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TIER TWO	<p>Tier Two courses shall include all other courses, including all courses taken through Odyssey.</p>						
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BREAKING TIES

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 salutarian:

1. Compute the weighted numerical grade average to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken.
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The District shall recognize as an honor graduate each student who has completed the foundation program with an endorsement or the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation program and earned an overall weighted numerical grade average of at least a 90.