

9700 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**9745 Class Rank/Honors Credits - 1999 and Beyond**

The Board acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages and class ranking for secondary school graduates to inform students, parents and others of their relative academic placement among their peers under relatively similar circumstances.

Students will be eligible for Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Historian, and Honor designations if they have been enrolled as a full-time student in the District for their entire senior year.

The grades from all subjects are to be used in the determination of class standing. The following procedure is employed:

1. Grades from all four marking periods and the final examination grade are averaged to determine the final grade. The weight of the final examination will be **10%** of the final grade. A student can earn a grade of 0% to 100% on the final examination. A tentative ranking and a final grade average is determined for the combination of the freshman, sophomore, and junior years. These are recorded on the permanent records. As requests for transcripts come in, this tentative ranking and grade averages are listed on the transcripts.

For students in the 1995-96 Freshman class, and each class thereafter; grades received in the following required courses shall not be counted towards a student's GPA.

GRADE 9

- **Physical Education** .25 credits
- **Periodical Indexes** .033 credits
- **Library Media Resources** .033 credits
- **Senior High Career Awareness** .067 credits

GRADE 10

- **Physical Education** .25 credits

- **On-Line Information Resources** .033 credits
- **Electronic Strategies** .033 credits

Class Rank**Grade 11**

* **Physical Education** **.25 credits**

GRADE 12

* **Physical Education** **.25 credits**

2. When students attain senior year status, a final ranking is established by determining the final average at the close of the fourth marking period. The final average will determine the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Historian, and honor students. The following categories will be established for honor students.

Highest Honor Final Average $\geq 96\%$

High Honor Final Average with the following range: $\geq 88\%$ and $< 96\%$

Honor Final Average within the following range: $\geq 84\%$ and $< 88\%$

Students enrolled in honors or AP classes will have a "weight" added to their final average as the last step of calculating their final academic standing. The following schedule will be used in completing the calculations of the final average:

| Percentage Range | Rating | Additional Weight for Honors (%) | Additional Weight for AP* (%) |
|------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 93-100 | Superior | .67 | 1 |
| 84-92 | Above Average | .67 | 1 |
| 70-83 | Average | .67 | 1 |
| 60-69 | Below Average | 0 | 0 |
| 40-59 | Failing | 0 | 0 |

* If the AP exam is taken otherwise it remains .67%

3. The final rankings are determined after the final grades have been recorded; the final class ranking is determined by averaging the grade averages for the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior years and are recorded as such.

All curricular areas, whether they are special education, vocational or academic are used to determine the grade average, which are then in turn used to determine the final class ranking at the end of the senior year.

Students who attend Warren Area High School or other District secondary schools for the purpose of enrolling in advanced placement and/or honors classes will be awarded the weighted credit for the AP and/or honor course(s) in their home school.

Students who attend other education institutions or complete correspondence courses during their tenure in the District may not use their grades from those institutions to determine their class rank. Only grades earned in the District will be used.

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