

4 **9700 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

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6 **9745- 9743 Class Rank/Honors Credits -SY 2007/2008 and Beyond Class of**  
7 **2008, 2009, and 2010**

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

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14 Students will be eligible for Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Historian,  
15 and Honor scholastic recognition if they have been enrolled as a full-  
16 time student in the District for their entire senior year. A full-time  
17 student is defined as a student who earns a minimum of six (6) credits  
18 during his/her senior year. Students who were full-time students in the  
19 District their junior year and fulfilled their graduation requirements by  
20 earning fewer than six (6) credits their senior year will be eligible for  
21 scholastic recognition at the end of their senior year.

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

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26 1. Grades from all four marking periods and the final examination  
27 grade are averaged to determine the final grade. The weight of the  
28 final examination will be no more than 20% of the final grade.  
29 All classes in grades 9-12 shall have a final exam. A tentative  
30 ranking and a final grade average is determined for the  
31 combination of the freshman, sophomore, and junior years. These  
32 are recorded on the permanent records. As requests for transcripts  
33 come in, this tentative ranking and grade averages are listed on the  
34 transcripts.

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36 ~~For students in the 2003/2004 Freshman class, and each~~  
37 ~~class thereafter, grades received in the following required~~  
38 ~~courses shall not be counted towards a student's GPA.~~

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40 **GRADE 9**

- 41 ~~• Physical Education~~

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43 **GRADE 10**

- 44 ~~• Physical Education~~

45 **GRADE 11**

- 46 ~~• Physical Education~~

GRADE 12

~~Physical Education~~

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 *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude* recognition. The following categories will be established for honor students.

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| <i>summa cum laude</i> | Final Average $\geq$ 98%   |
| <i>magna cum laude</i> | Final Average with the following range: $\geq$ 93% and $<$ 98%   |
| <i>cum laude</i>       | Final Average within the following range: $\geq$ 86% and $<$ 93% |

Students enrolled in honors, ~~or~~ AP, or **Dual Enrollment** classes will have a "weight" value added to their final class average **adjusted Grade Point Average** as a step of calculating their final class average for that subject. **AP students MUST take the AP Exam to be eligible.** The following schedule will be used in completing the calculations of the ~~final class average~~ **adjusted Grade Point Average**:

| Percentage Range | Rating        | Additional Weight Value for Honors (%) | Additional Weight Value for AP or Dual Enrollment (%) |
|------------------|---------------|--|---|
| 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   |

~~\* AP students MUST take the AP Exam to be eligible.~~

- 4 3. The final rankings are determined after the final grades have  
5 been recorded. The final ranking is determined by multiplying  
6 credits attempted times grades earned, divided by credits  
7 attempted.  
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9 All curricular areas, whether they are special education,  
10 vocational, academic, or cyber are used to determine the grade  
11 average, which are then in turn used to determine the final class  
12 ranking at the end of the senior year. **Grades received in any  
13 Pass/Fail course, or in the required courses of Physical  
14 Education 9, 10, 11, and 12 shall not be counted towards a  
15 student’s GPA.**  
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17 Students who attend any District secondary school for the  
18 purpose of enrolling in advanced placement and/or honors  
19 classes will be awarded the weighted credit for the AP and/or  
20 honor course(s) in their home school.  
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22 Students who attend other educational institutions or complete  
23 correspondence courses outside the District during their tenure  
24 in the District may not use their grades from those institutions  
25 to determine their class rank. Only grades earned in the  
26 District will be used. The only exception to this is for students  
27 enrolled in the District’s dual enrollment program. These  
28 students will have their college credit and grades recorded on  
29 their high school transcript and the credits and grades will be  
30 used to determine their GPA.  
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32 The Superintendent or his/her designee is charged with developing  
33 procedures for implementation of this policy.  
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| 39 |                 |   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading December 4, 2006      |
| 40 | <b>Revision</b> | - | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading July 16, 2007</b>   |
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| 42 | Legal Reference | - | Chapter 4 – Academic Standards &              |
| 43 |                 |   | Assessment                                    |
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