

9700 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

9745 Class Rank/Honors Credits - SY 2007/2008 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 scholastic recognition if they have been enrolled as a full-time student in the District for their entire senior year. A full-time student is defined as a student who earns a minimum of six (6) credits during his/her senior year. Students who were full-time students in the District their junior year and fulfilled their graduation requirements by earning fewer than six (6) credits their senior year will be eligible for scholastic recognition at the end of their 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 no more than 20% of the final grade. All classes in grades 9-12 shall have a final exam. 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 2003/2004 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

GRADE 10

- Physical Education

GRADE 11

- 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.

<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 classes will have a "weight" added to their final class average as a step of calculating their final class average for that subject. The following schedule will be used in completing the calculations of the final class 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

AP students MUST take the AP Exam to be eligible.

3. The final rankings are determined after the final grades have been recorded. The final ranking is determined by multiplying credits attempted times grades earned, divided by credits attempted.

All curricular areas, whether they are special education, vocational, academic, or cyber 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 any 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 educational institutions or complete correspondence courses outside the District 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. The only exception to this is for students enrolled in the District's dual enrollment program. These students will have their college credit and grades recorded on their high school transcript and the credits and grades will be used to determine their GPA.

The Superintendent or his/her designee is charged with developing procedures for implementation of this policy.

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