

WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR THE CLASSES OF 2020, 2021, AND 2022

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Tier II courses include high school Pre-AP courses, Pre-IB courses, and other courses locally designated as honor courses.

Tier III courses include all other courses not designated as Tier I or Tier II courses.

The District converts semester grade points and calculates a weighted GPA in accordance with the following chart:

Grade	TIER I	TIER II	TIER III
97 and above	5.0	4.5	4.0
94–96	4.8	4.3	3.8
91–93	4.6	4.1	3.6
87–90	4.4	3.9	3.4
84–86	4.2	3.7	3.2
81–83	4.0	3.5	3.0
77–80	3.8	3.3	2.8
74–76	3.6	3.1	2.6
71–73	3.4	2.9	2.4
70	3.0	2.5	2.0
69 or below	0	0	0

UNWEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR THE CLASSES OF 2020, 2021, AND 2022

The District also calculates an unweighted GPA using a simple whole-number scale.

Grade	Unweighted Simple 4.0 GPA Scale
91 – 100	4.0
81 – 90	3.0
70 – 80	2.0
69 or below	0.0

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90 – 100	4.0
80 – 89	3.0
70 – 79	2.0
69 or below	0.0

LOCAL GRADUATION HONORS

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are the eligible students from each school with the highest and second highest ranking senior students, respectively at the end of the 5th six-weeks. To be eligible for the recognition, a student must:

- ◆ Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement; and
- ◆ Have completed 19 credits before the first day of the school year in which graduation requirements are completed; and
- ◆ Have been continuously enrolled in the same high school in the District for the entire two school years preceding graduation.

Latin honors at each District high school are awarded to students completing the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement as follows:

Summa Cum Laude	The top highest two percent of the graduating class
Magna Cum Laude	The next highest three percent of the graduating class
Cum Laude	The next highest five percent of the graduating class

HIGHEST RANKING GRADUATE

The highest-ranking graduate is the graduating student at each high school campus with the highest rank after all six-week grades have been posted. This student will receive a Highest Ranking Graduate Certificate and free tuition to a Texas public college or university during both semesters of the first regular session immediately following the student's high school graduation. [See §54.201 of the Texas Education Code]

The highest-ranking graduate is not necessarily the same student as the valedictorian. The valedictorian is a local honor and is recognized based on the criteria in the Local Graduation Honors. The highest-ranking graduate is a State of Texas honor and is determined based on the guidelines set forth in the Texas Education Code. For further information, see policy EIC (LOCAL).

Because the highest ranking graduate is not known until all grades have been posted, this individual will not be recognized at the graduation ceremony. However, the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and graduates receiving other local honors can be recognized.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2021, the Highest Ranking Graduate will also be the student from each high school who has received the local honor of valedictorian

STUDENT CLASSIFICATION

After the ninth grade, students are classified according to the number of credits earned toward graduation. The following chart displays the credits needed for classification. Only courses counting toward state graduation credits are included; local credit courses do not count.

Grade Level Classification	Required State Course Credits Earned
9th Grade	0 credits
10th Grade	6 credits
11th Grade	12 credits
12th Grade	19 credits