

# Fort Worth ISD

## Class Rank Procedures Beginning With the Graduating Class of 2024

### OVERVIEW

Class rank is a snapshot of a fluid process of adding to and updating the high school transcript. Semester averages may change as teachers' gradebooks are updated, dual credits are added, and outside credits are completed. Even though transcripts are updated throughout the semester, once class rank is set for the semester, it remains unchanged until the next ranking period.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2024, class rank will be determined by descending order of a student's semester *weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) points* earned in eligible courses that satisfy a student's graduation plan in the following curriculum categories:

- ☐ English Language Arts
- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Social Studies

### WEIGHTED GPA POINTS

Each semester grade a student earns in an eligible course generates GPA Points. The GPA Points earned are based on:

- Tier of the course
- Grade in the course

The District categorizes and weights eligible courses as Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III.

#### TIER I COURSES

- Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Courses
- Dual Credit courses
- OnRamps Courses
- Any course that requires a Tier I course as a prerequisite

#### TIER II COURSES

- Honors courses (formerly Pre-AP Courses)

#### TIER III COURSES

- Any course not designated as a Tier I or Tier II course.

## GRADING SCALE

Grade	Tier I GPA Points	Tier II GPA Points	Tier III GPA Points
97 and above	5.0	4.5	4.0
94–96	4.8	4.3	3.8
90–93	4.6	4.1	3.6
87–89	4.4	3.9	3.4
84–86	4.2	3.7	3.2
80–83	4.0	3.5	3.0
77–79	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
Below 70	0	0	0

For example, a student who earns a semester grade of 94 in a course will earn the following GPA Points:

- Tier I Course – 4.8 GPA Points earned
- Tier II Course – 4.3 GPA Points earned
- Tier III Course – 3.8 GPA Points earned

## GRADE POINT AVERAGES

The District calculates three sets of Grade Point Averages (GPAs)

### WEIGHTED GPA (Weighted 4.0 Scale)

- Includes all high school courses taken for high school credit.
- Honors level courses\* receive higher grade point values.
- Reported on the student's high school transcript.
- Called *Cumulative Weighted GPA* in Focus

### UNWEIGHTED GPA (4.0 Scale)

- Includes all high school courses taken for high school credit.
- Honors level courses\* DO NOT receive higher grade point values.
- Reported on the student's high school transcript.
- Called *Cumulative GPA* in Focus

## WEIGHTED RANK GPA (Weighted 4.0 Scale)

- Used to calculate Class Rank and Quartile
- Used to calculate Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Highest-Ranking Graduate
- Used to calculate Latin Honors
- Includes high school courses taken in the 4 core areas that meet graduation requirements
- Honors level courses\* receive higher grade point values.
- Reported on the student's high school transcript.
- Called *Rank GPA* in Focus

\* Includes AP, IB, OnRamps, Dual Credit, Honors courses, previous Pre-AP courses etc.

## CALCULATION OF CLASS RANK

FWISD calculates class rank for students beginning in the fall of their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year. Thereafter, students are ranked after the end of each semester, including the summer semester. Current semester data is not used to calculate rank.

The eight semester grades with the highest weighted GPA points in ELAR, Math, Science, and Social Studies will be used.

- After 9<sup>th</sup> grade – the two semester grades with the highest weighted GPA points in each category will be used. (released the fall of 10<sup>th</sup> grade)
- After the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 10<sup>th</sup> grade – the three semester grades with the highest weighted GPA points in each category will be used. (released the spring of 10<sup>th</sup> grade)
- After 10<sup>th</sup> grade – the four semester grades with the highest weighted GPA points in each category will be used.
- After the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 11<sup>th</sup> grade – the five semester grades with the highest weighted GPA points in each category will be used. (released the spring of 11<sup>th</sup> grade)
- After 11<sup>th</sup> grade – the six semester grades with the highest weighted GPA points in each category will be used
- After the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 12<sup>th</sup> grade – the seven semester grades with the highest weighted GPA points in each category will be used. (released the spring of 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- After 12<sup>th</sup> grade – the eight semester grades with the highest weighted GPA points in each category will be used.

If a student does not take 8 semesters in a core subject in high school, the GPA points from high school courses taken in middle school will be used.

The Calculation of Class Rank Excludes grades earned in or through:

- Local Credit Courses
- Credit by examination, with or without prior instruction

- Distance learning
- Dual credit courses taken through a college with which the District does not have a partnership agreement

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### 1. *What grades will be used to calculate my Class Rank?*

Semester grades earned in Math, Science, Social Studies, and English Language Arts will be used to calculate Class Rank GPA and Class Rank.

After 9<sup>th</sup> grade, we will take the two semester grades in each of those areas that generate the highest GPA points. After 10<sup>th</sup> grade, we will use the four semester grades in each of those areas that generate the highest GPA points; after 11<sup>th</sup> grade, we will use the highest six and after 12<sup>th</sup> grade, we will use the highest eight.

### 2. *What are GPA Points?*

GPA Points are the numerical value given to each semester course grade. The value is determined based on the grade earned in that course and the Tier of the course.

### 3. *Will grades earned in high school courses taken in middle school count in the calculation of Rank GPA?*

Grades earned in high school courses taken in middle school will only be used in the calculation of Rank GPA if the student does not take 8 semesters of a core content in high school.

For example, a student took the following courses:

Grade-Level	Courses Taken	Class Rank GPA Based On:
8	Algebra IA Algebra IB	N/A
9	Honors Geometry IA Honors Geometry IB	Honors Geometry IA Honors Geometry IB
10	Honors Algebra IIA Honors Algebra IIB	Honors Geometry IA Honors Geometry IB Honors Algebra IIA Honors Algebra IIB
11	Honors Precalculus IA Honors Precalculus IB	Honors Geometry IA Honors Geometry IB Honors Precalculus IA Honors Precalculus IB Honors Algebra IIA Honors Algebra IIB
12	None	Honors Geometry IA

		Honors Geometry IB Honors Algebra IIA Honors Algebra IIB Honors Precalculus IA Honors Precalculus IB Algebra IA Algebra IB
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**4. What happens if a student fails a course – is that grade included in Rank GPA?**

The 8 semesters generating the highest grade-points will be used to calculate Class Rank GPA. If that failing grade is one of the 8 highest grades, the grade will be used. See the scenarios below:

**Scenario I**

Grade-Level	Course and Grade Earned	Class Rank GPA Based On:
9	Algebra IA – 68 <sup>^</sup> Algebra IB – 75	<b>Algebra IA - 68</b> Algebra IB – 75
10	Geometry IA – 70 Geometry IB – 80	<b>Algebra IA – 68</b> Algebra IB – 75 Geometry IA – 70 Geometry IB – 80
11	Algebra IIA – 62 <sup>^^</sup> Algebra IIB – 72	<b>Algebra IA - 68</b> Algebra IB – 75 Geometry IA – 70 Geometry IB - 80 <b>Algebra IIA<sup>^^</sup> - 62</b> Algebra IIB – 72
12	Algebra IIA <sup>^^</sup> - 70 (retaken in person) Precalculus IA - 80 Precalculus IB - 85	<b>Algebra IA - 68</b> Algebra IB - 75 Geometry IA - 70 Geometry IB - 80 <b>Algebra IIA<sup>^^</sup> - 70</b> Algebra IIB - 72 Precalculus IA - 80 Precalculus IB - 85

<sup>^</sup> The student does not need to retake the Algebra IA semester because when averaging the 68 with the 75 in Algebra IB, the student receives credit for both semesters

<sup>^^</sup> This student will have to retake Algebra IIA; his grade is not high enough that when averaged with Algebra IIB the student will receive credit. In this example, the student retakes the course in-person and thus will replace his failing 62 used in 11<sup>th</sup> grade with the passing 70 used in 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Scenario 2

Grade-Level	Course and Grade Earned	Class Rank GPA Based On:
9	Algebra IA – 68 <sup>^</sup> Algebra IB – 75	<b>Algebra IA - 68</b> Algebra IB – 75
10	Geometry IA – 70 Geometry IB – 80	<b>Algebra IA – 68</b> Algebra IB – 75 Geometry IA – 70 Geometry IB – 80
11	Algebra IIA – 62 <sup>^^</sup> Algebra IIB – 72	<b>Algebra IA - 68</b> Algebra IB – 75 Geometry IA – 70 Geometry IB - 80 <b>Algebra IIA<sup>^^</sup> - 62</b> Algebra IIB – 72
12	<b>Algebra IIA<sup>^^</sup> - 70 (retaken in a Web-based Course)</b> Precalculus IA - 80 Precalculus IB - 85	<b>Algebra IA - 68</b> Algebra IB - 75 Geometry IA - 70 Geometry IB - 80 <b>Algebra IIA<sup>^^</sup> - 62</b> Algebra IIB - 72 Precalculus IA - 80 Precalculus IB - 85

<sup>^</sup> The student does not need to retake the Algebra IA semester because when averaging the 68 with the 75 in Algebra IB, the student receives credit for both semesters

<sup>^^</sup> This student will have to retake Algebra IIA; his grade is not high enough that when averaged with Algebra IIB the student will receive credit. In this example, the student retakes the course using Edgenuity. Grades earned in Edgenuity are not used in the calculation of Rank GPA and thus his original failing 62 will be used in the calculation of Rank GPA.

**5. What if a student has more than the eight required semester grades or takes more than one course in the same content area during the school year?**

The 2 semester grades in each content area generating the highest grades points will be used after grade 9; the 4 semester grades in each content area generating the highest grade points will be used after grade 10; the 6 semester grades in each content area generating the highest grade points will be used after grade 11, and the 8 highest grades in each content area generating the highest grade points will be used after grade 12.

If a student has more grades than the required number of grades in any grade-level, the ones generating the highest grade points will be used.

In the example below, the student took two math courses in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. At the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade, the student has 8 semester grades. Class Rank will be calculated using the 6 of those 8 grades that generate the highest GPA points. After 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the student has 10 semester grades in Math. The 8 grades that generate the highest GPA points will be used.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester Grade and GPA Points Earned</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Grade and GPA Points Earned</b>	<b>Courses/Grades Used for Class Rank</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	Algebra IA – 85 (3.2)	Algebra IB – 95 (3.8)	Algebra IA – 85 Algebra IB - 95
10 <sup>th</sup>	Geometry IA – 80 (3.0)	Geometry IB – 90 (3.6)	Algebra IA – 85 Algebra IB – 95 Geometry IA – 80 Geometry IB – 90
11 <sup>th</sup>	Honors Precalculus IA – 75 (3.1) Statistics IA – 84 (3.2)	Honors Precalculus IB – 92 (4.1) Statistics IB – 97 (4.0)	Algebra IA – 85 Algebra IB – 95 Geometry IB - 90 Honors Precalculus IB – 92 Statistics IA - 84 Statistics IB – 97
12 <sup>th</sup>	AP Calculus IA – 86 (4.4)	AP Calculus IB – 93 (4.6)	Algebra IA – 85 Algebra IB – 95 Geometry IB - 90 Honors Precalculus IB – 92 Statistics IA - 84

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