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**NEISD RANK IN CLASS POLICY
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 9TH GRADE IN FALL 2007 AND BEYOND**

RANK IN CLASS

- All courses taken in grades 9-12 through the end of the seventh semester that count for graduation credit will be used to calculate class rank. This will include credits for elective courses required for the Recommended High School Program (RHSP) and the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP). Elective courses that produce the highest weighted grade will be used to calculate rank. Class rank will be based upon a weighted grade point average.
- Grade point averages are determined by multiplying each semester grade of a ranked course by a rank factor and computing an average. The rank factor recognizes differences in level of difficulty between Advanced Placement, Pre-Advanced Placement, Regular, and Content Modified coursework.

Course Level	Rank Factor
Advanced Placement (AP) and dual credit AP	1.29
Pre-Advanced Placement, Honors, GT non-AP, and dual credit non-AP	1.15
Regular	1.00
Content Modified	.90

- The weighted grade point average determines the rank in class. The student earning the highest weighted GPA is ranked number one and all others take the following positions in increasing numeric order. Ties in rank will be broken using the most courses taken given a weight of 1.15 and/or 1.29.
- Preliminary unofficial class standing reports will be issued to students following the second and fourth semesters of high school. Official class standing will be issued to students following the sixth and seventh semesters of high school. Class rank is determined using a weighted system that supports academic achievement and rigor.
- Students are designated within a range of their high school class, as follows: top five percent, top ten percent, top quarter, second quarter, third quarter, fourth quarter. The

position of each student is reported as “number (__) out of (__) students in graduating class.”

- Correspondence Courses:
 - For students who entered high school in 2009-10 and prior, correspondence courses **do not** count for class rank.
 - For students who entered high school in 2010-11 and thereafter, correspondence courses **do** count for class rank.
- Summer school courses will count for class rank, including high school credits earned in the summer after grade eight.
- Courses that do not count for class rank:

Those that are taken

More than once	For pass/fail credit	Through credit by exam
In middle school	With an ARD exemption	
During summer foreign study	In evening school	

OVERALL GRADE POINT AVERAGE / HONOR GRADUATES

- Students achieving high standards of academic excellence shall be recognized at the graduation ceremony as honor graduates based on the following criteria:
 - Completion of the RHSP or the DAP.
 - Accumulation of a minimum of 52 semester classes of coursework before graduation.
 - Overall weighted grade point average for all courses taken in high school through the end of the seventh semester is greater than or equal to 90. The rank factor listed above is used to determine the overall weighted average.
- Honor graduates meeting the criteria specified above shall be designated as follows:

Honor Graduate Designations	Cumulative Grade Average
Summa Cum Laude	100+
Magna Cum Laude	95-99
Cum Laude	90-94