

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
CLASS RANKING FOR  
STUDENTS ENTERING  
NINTH GRADE IN 2007  
AND BEYOND

EIC (R)

DEFINITIONS

This Regulation is intended to supplement Board Policy EIC (LOCAL), which sets forth the NEISD class rank methodology for students entering ninth grade in 2007 and beyond. As used in this Regulation, the terms set forth below are defined as follows:

- Weighted Multiplier – The rank factor applied to each semester grade of a ranked course in order to recognize differences in the levels of rigor between Advanced Placement, Dual Credit and Pre-Advanced Placement, Regular and Content Modified coursework (1.29, 1.15, 1.0, and .9 respectively)
- No Credit (NC) – The phrase used to identify students who do not receive credit for a course due to excessive absences (not meeting the 90 percent state attendance requirement)
- Excessive Absences – Student absences that go beyond the minimum attendance requirements to be eligible to receive credit towards graduation for a course as set forth under Texas law and Board Policy
- Dual Credit –
  - Academic dual credit courses are those college-level courses approved in a specific agreement between the District and the college as exceeding the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) of high school courses listed in Title 19 Texas Administrative Code Section 74.25. The student must earn a grade of 70 or above to receive credit toward graduation. The college credit is guaranteed at any public Texas college or university.
  - College Dual Credit Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) courses are those Career Technology courses approved in a specific agreement between the District and the college as exceeding the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) of high school courses. The student must earn a grade of 70 or above to receive credit toward graduation. The college credit is only guaranteed at the institution with which the District has an agreement, but may be accepted at other institutions.
- Articulated Technical Credit (ATC) – Career Technology courses that are enhanced beyond the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and may offer college credit opportunities upon enrollment in college. These courses are not considered dual credit, and therefore, receive a 1.0 multiplier if used for the purpose of calculating class rank.

- Local Articulated Credit (Tech Prep) – Career Technology courses that are enhanced beyond the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). The college credit may be earned only if the student enrolls and meets specific criteria at the institution with which the District has an agreement. These courses are not considered dual credit, and therefore, receive a 1.0 multiplier if used for the purpose of calculating class rank.
- Multiple-Credit Course – A course for which a participating student may earn more than one credit towards graduation (for example, Clinical Rotation, which is a two-credit course)

**GRADUATION PROGRAMS**

Class rank calculations will be based on the requirements for the Recommended or Distinguished Achievement Programs. [See Board Policy EIE (LEGAL)]. Class rank will be calculated in accordance with the applicable method set forth in Board Policy EIC (LEGAL & LOCAL).

**GRADUATING AFTER FOUR YEARS**

After the final seven semester class rank is calculated and issued to students, the rank will no longer be changed regardless of the campus the student may subsequently attend or the year of graduation.

**FAILED COURSES**

The first time a student fails a course that counts toward the class rank calculation as set forth in Board Policy EIC (LOCAL), the failed grade, with the assigned weighted multiplier, is included in the class rank calculation. Repeated courses taken in high school do not count for class rank calculation regardless of whether or not the courses are required for graduation.

**NO CREDIT (NC) COURSES**

A grade of 50, or the actual grade if lower than 50, with no weighted multipliers of any kind regardless of the course classification, will be used toward a student's class rank calculation for any course in which the student receives no credit (NC) for reasons as defined above.

**MULTIPLE-CREDIT COURSES**

Class rank for a multiple-credit course that qualifies for class rank will be calculated using the appropriate weighted grade for each credit awarded. For example, a student taking a multiple-credit course that receives two credits toward graduation earns a grade of 80 in the course. For class rank calculation purposes, the course will be treated as though the student took two separate single-credit courses and earned a grade of 80 in each. If the multiple-credit course qualifies as one that receives additional grade weight, then the additional weight will be assigned to the earned grade for class rank calculation purposes.

**DUAL CREDIT COURSES**

Dual Credit courses may only be taken during a student's junior and/or senior year of high school. Students may take no more than two Dual Credit courses in a semester. The only exceptions are for

students enrolled in and actively participating in Early College High School programs. The Early College High School students may take Dual Credit courses earlier than the junior year and may take more than two such courses in a semester. [See EHDD]

A student taking a dual credit course that counts toward class rank for which college credit for both semesters of course work is awarded will receive the appropriate additional weight for the grade earned in the course for class rank calculation purposes.

A student taking a dual credit course that counts toward class rank for which college credit is awarded only for the second semester of course work will receive the appropriate additional weight for the grade earned for class rank calculation purposes for the second semester grade only.

The majority of dual credit courses award college credit to students for both semesters of course work completed. Some dual credit courses only award college credit for the second semester of course work while still requiring the student to complete the first semester of course work. Information on individual dual credit courses is available through the District course catalog. All non-Advanced Placement (AP) dual credit courses receive a 1.15 multiplier if used for the purpose of calculating class rank.

## ENGLISH GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In English, grades earned during high school in

- English I, English I SOL, English I PreAP or English I GT/PreAP may be used to calculate class rank as the one mandated English I graduation requirement;
- English II, English II SOL, English II PreAP or English II GT/PreAP may be used to calculate class rank as the one mandated English II graduation requirement;
- English III, English III AP or English III GT/AP may be used to calculate class rank as the one mandated English III graduation requirement; and
- English IV, English IV AP or English IV GT/AP may be used to calculate class rank as the one mandated English IV graduation requirement.

Additional English grades not needed to meet the required four English credits may be used for elective credit(s) and class rank calculation.

## MATH GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In math, grades earned during high school in

- Algebra I must be used in calculating class rank;
- Geometry, Geometry PreAP or Geometry GT/PreAP must be used in calculating class rank;
- Algebra II, Algebra II PreAP or Algebra II GT/PreAP must be used

in calculating class rank;

- Any state-approved math class(es) taken in addition to Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II may be used to meet the fourth math credit for the purposes of calculating class rank; and
- Math Models may not be used for students graduating on the Distinguished Achievement Graduation Program.

Any math credit(s) taken in middle school will not count for class rank; however, up to four eligible math courses taken in high school will be used for calculating class rank. For students who have earned one high school math credit for a math course taken in middle school, a minimum of three additional math credits must be taken in high school. If more than four eligible math courses are taken, the highest semester math grades taken in high school will be used for calculating class rank.

Additional high school math grades not needed to meet the required four math credits may be used for elective credit(s) and class rank calculation.

## SCIENCE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In science, grades earned during high school in

- Biology, Biology PreAP, or Biology AP may be used to calculate class rank as the one mandated Biology graduation requirement;
- Chemistry, Chemistry PreAP, or Chemistry AP may be used to calculate class rank as the one mandated Chemistry graduation requirement;
- Physics, Physics PreAP, or Physics AP may be used to calculate class rank as the one mandated Physics graduation requirement;
- Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC) may substitute for the Chemistry or Physics requirement with the second of these two courses used as an academic elective on the Recommended Graduation Program through the 2011-2012 school year;
- Principles of Technology may substitute for Physics on the Recommended Graduation Program; and
- IPC, Principles of Technology, Pathophysiology, and Medical Microbiology may not be used for students graduating on the Distinguished Achievement Graduation Program.

Any state-approved science class(es) taken in addition to Biology, Chemistry, and Physics may be used to meet the fourth science credit for the purposes of calculating class rank.

Additional science grades not needed to meet the required four science credits may be used for elective credit(s) and class rank calculation.

## SOCIAL STUDIES AND ECONOMICS GRADUATION

In social studies, grades earned during high school in

- World Geography, World Geography PreAP or Human

## REQUIREMENTS

Geography AP may be used to calculate class rank as the one mandated World Geography graduation requirement;

- World History or World History AP may be used to calculate class rank as the one mandated World History graduation requirement;
- U.S. History or U.S. History AP may be used to calculate class rank as the one mandated U.S. History graduation requirement;
- U.S. Government or U.S. Government AP may be used to calculate class rank as the one mandated U.S. Government graduation requirement (1/2 credit); and
- Economics, Macroeconomics AP or Microeconomics AP may be used to calculate class rank as the one mandated Economics graduation requirement (1/2 credit).

Additional social studies grades not needed to meet the required three and one-half social studies credits and the one-half Economics credit may be used for elective credit(s) and class rank calculation.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In foreign language, grades earned during high school in American Sign Language, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish may be used to calculate class rank as one of the two (Recommended Program) or three (Distinguished Achievement Program) required foreign language credits. The credits must be in the same language to fulfill graduation requirements and for the purpose of calculating class rank.

- American Sign Language I-III French I-III, German I-III, Japanese I-III, Latin I-III, Mandarin Chinese I-III and Spanish I-IV receive a 1.0 multiplier if used for the purpose of calculating class rank;
- Honors and PreAP foreign language courses receive a 1.15 multiplier if used for the purpose of calculating class rank; and
- AP foreign language courses receive a 1.29 multiplier for the purpose of calculating class rank.

Any foreign language credit(s) taken in middle school will not count for class rank; however, up to three eligible foreign language courses in the same language taken in high school will be used for calculating class rank. For students who have earned one high school foreign language credit for a course taken in middle school, one additional foreign language credit in the same language must be taken in high school for the Recommended High School Program and two additional foreign language credits in the same language must be taken in high school for the Distinguished Achievement Program.

If more than three eligible foreign language courses in the same language are taken, the highest semester foreign language grades taken in high school will be used for calculating class rank.

If multiple foreign languages are taken, the language with the highest grades will be used for rank, but the grades must all be in the same

foreign language.

Additional high school foreign language grades not needed to meet the required two (Recommended Program) or three (Distinguished Achievement Program) foreign language credits may be used for elective credit(s) for the purposes of calculating class rank.

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