

BEGINNING WITH STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 9 IN THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR AND THERE AFTER

Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2013-14 school year and thereafter, the district shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses, regardless of when the credit was earned, with the exception of grades earned in local credit courses and by credit by exams, with or without prior instruction.

Upon receiving prior written approval for enrollment from the principal, grades earned through distance learning (only from the University of Texas System, Texas Tech University, and the Texas Virtual School Network) shall be included when calculating a student's weighted GPA and determining class rank.

All grade points awarded in 2012–13 school year and in prior school years shall remain as part of the student's weighted GPA through graduation. Middle school students who passed an AP exam in the 2012–13 school year shall be awarded 0.25 points towards their weighted GPA grade.

THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THIS POLICY VARY BY THE YEAR OF ENROLLMENT IN 9TH GRADE.

	FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 9 DURING THE 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR OR LATER	FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 9 DURING THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR OR PRIOR
<i>Honor Graduates Honors and High Honors for Local Recognition</i>	<i>The top ten percent of the class membership shall comprise the honor group. The top ten percent shall be determined based on the number of seniors enrolled in PEIMS on the snapshot date. The top two percent of this membership shall comprise the high honor group for local recognition at spring commencement (with a minimum of three students). Any fraction</i>	<i>The top ten percent of the class membership shall comprise the honor group. The top two percent of this membership shall comprise the high honor group for local recognition. The high honor group shall include a minimum of three students. Any fraction above a whole number shall add one student to the honor group.</i>

<p><i>Valedictorian and Salutatorian Honors</i></p>	<p><i>above a whole number shall add one student to the high honor and/or honor group.</i></p> <p><i>The student with the highest GPA shall receive valedictorian honors; the student with the second highest GPA shall receive salutatorian honors.</i></p> <p><i>To be eligible for these honors, the student must have been enrolled in the school from which he or she is graduating for the last four semesters, excluding summer sessions, preceding the student's graduation. The only exception shall be for a student enrolling from an accredited school outside of El Paso or Dona Ana County, who shall be eligible, but the student must be enrolled in a District secondary school on the PEIMS Snapshot date.</i></p> <p><i>In case of a tie, the following factors, in descending order, shall determine the valedictorian:</i></p> <p><i>1. The student who</i></p>	<p><i>The student with the highest GPA shall receive valedictorian honors; the student with the second highest GPA shall receive salutatorian honors.</i></p> <p><i>To be eligible for these honors, the student must have been enrolled in the school from which he or she is graduating for the last four semesters, excluding summer sessions, preceding the student's graduation. The only exception shall be for a student enrolling from an accredited school outside of El Paso or Dona Ana County, who shall be eligible, but the student must be enrolled in a District secondary school on the PEIMS Snapshot date.</i></p> <p><i>In the case of a tie, the following factors, in descending order, shall determine the valedictorian:</i></p>
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<p>Prerequisites</p>	<p><i>has taken the greatest number of advanced courses counting towards GPA.</i></p> <p><i>2. The student who has taken the greatest number of classes counted towards GPA.</i></p> <p><i>3. The student who has been enrolled in the graduating school the longest.</i></p> <p><i>For honor graduate, honors and high honors recognition, students enrolling from an accredited school outside of El Paso or Dona Ana County must be enrolled in a District secondary school on the PEIMS Snapshot date. The student must complete a minimum of six credits in the District prior to graduation. These procedures shall apply to local recognition only and not for college admission purposes.</i></p> <p><i>Students completing requirements for graduation at the end of the fall semester shall be ranked with the following spring semes-</i></p>	<p><i>1. The student who has taken the greatest number of advanced courses counting towards GPA.</i></p> <p><i>2. The student who has taken the greatest number of classes counted towards GPA.</i></p> <p><i>3. The student who has been enrolled in the graduating school the longest.</i></p> <p><i>For honor graduates, honors, and high honors recognition, a student must be enrolled in a District high school prior to the end of the first day of the seventh week of school of the first semester in which minimum graduation requirements are completed. The student must have completed a minimum of six credits in the District prior to graduation. These requirements shall apply to local recognition only and not for automatic admission purposes.</i></p> <p><i>Students completing requirements for graduation at the end</i></p>
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High schools shall compute class rank for the purpose of graduation ceremonies for local honors by utilizing spring semester grades based on work completed through the end of the third nine-week grading period of the school year. Top two percent (high honors group) shall be determined from the honors group. Honoring the top two percent at the graduation ceremony shall be based on the use of final grades for the spring semester.

Multiple credit courses shall be calculated in the same manner as a single credit course multiplied by the number of credits attempted.

If a student repeats a course to make up a failure or loss of credit due to attendance, both courses and grades will be recorded on the academic achievement record. In determining the student's GPA for class ranking, the courses and grades are computed as if each were a separate and different course. A student may not repeat a course where credit has been previously awarded.

LETTER GRADE
CONVERSION

Letter grade conversions shall be calculated using the following values for letter grades and numerical scores.

Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2013-14 school year and thereafter, the district shall convert grades earned in eligible courses to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a weighted GPA:

WEIGHTED GRADE SYSTEM TIER RANKING AND GRADE CONVERSION CHART				
LETTER GRADE	NUMERICAL GRADE	ADV COURSE (IB/AP/DC) GPA	ADV COURSE (GT)= IS/ IBP/PAP) GPA	REGULAR COURSE GPA
		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
	100	5.00	4.50	4.00
A+	99	4.95	4.45	3.95
	98	4.90	4.40	3.90
	97	4.85	4.35	3.85
	96	4.80	4.30	3.80
A	95	4.75	4.25	3.75
	94	4.70	4.20	3.70
	93	4.65	4.15	3.65
	92	4.60	4.10	3.60
A-	91	4.55	4.05	3.55
	90	4.50	4.00	3.50
	89	4.45	3.95	3.45
B+	88	4.40	3.90	3.40
	87	4.35	3.85	3.35
	86	4.30	3.80	3.30

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B	85	4.25	3.75	3.25
	84	4.20	3.70	3.20
	83	4.15	3.65	3.15
B-	82	4.10	3.60	3.10
	81	4.05	3.55	3.05
	80	4.00	3.50	3.00
C+	79	3.90	3.40	2.90
	78	3.80	3.30	2.80
C	77	3.70	3.20	2.70
	76	3.60	3.10	2.60
	75	3.50	3.00	2.50
D+	74	3.40	2.90	2.40
	73	3.30	2.80	2.30
D	72	3.20	2.70	2.20
	71	3.10	2.60	2.10
D-	70	3.00	2.50	2.00
	69	0.00	0.00	0.00

ADVANCED COURSES

Advanced courses shall include:

- Tier 1 advanced courses: international baccalaureate (IB), advanced placement (AP), and dual credit (DC) courses; and
- Tier 2 advanced courses: gifted and talented (GT), independent study (IS), international baccalaureate preparation (IBP), and pre-ap (PAP).

TRANSFER STUDENTS

When a student transfers grades, including grades earned in a foreign country, for properly documented and eligible courses, the district shall assign weight to those grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the district.

Grades earned in nonaccredited schools shall not be weighted.

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APPEAL

A transfer student may appeal, in accordance with the student and parent complaint policy at fng(local), the denial by the district to assign a weight to a transferred grade.

STUDENTS ENTERING
GRADE 9 IN 2012-13
SCHOOL YEAR OR
PRIOR

~~The following provisions shall apply to students who entered grade 9 in the 2012-13 school year or prior.~~

The district shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses, regardless of when the credit was earned.

Class rank shall be calculated at the end of the first nine-week grading period of the second semester. For the purpose of determining the top two percent honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the district shall calculate class rank using grades available at the time of calculation at the end of the spring semester (i.e., the end of the final school year).

For purposes of class ranking, both grades shall be used for a student who repeats a course eligible for inclusion in the calculation of class rank.

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WEIGHTED
NUMERICAL GRADE
AVERAGE

The district shall assign weights to grades earned in advanced placement (AP), dual credit (DC), and international baccalaureate (IB) courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average, in accordance with the following scale:

5 POINTS GRADE BONUS	OR	10 POINTS GRADE BONUS	AND	5 POINTS GRADE BONUS
75-79% FINAL AVERAGE		80% OR HIGHER FINAL AVERAGE		QUALIFYING SCORE OF 3, 4, OR 5 ON COLLEGE BOARD AP EXAM; QUALIFYING SCORE OF 4, 5, 6, OR 7 ON IB

		EXAMS.
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A student shall only be eligible to receive grade bonus points for performance on either the AP exam or IB exam for a course and shall not be awarded grade bonus points for both exams taken for the same course or subject.

The district shall assign weights to grades earned in pre-ap (PAP), advanced placement (AP), international baccalaureate preparation (IBP), and advanced academics independent study courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average, in accordance with the following scale:

<p>FOR PRE-AP, PRE-IB</p>	<p>FOR ADVANCED ACADEMICS INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSE (ALIGNED TO MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, ENGLISH, OR SOCIAL STUDIES TEKS)</p>
<p>5 POINTS GRADE BONUS</p>	<p>5 POINTS GRADE BONUS</p>
<p>75% OR HIGHER FINAL AVERAGE</p>	<p>QUALIFYING SCORE OF 3, 4, OR 5 ON FINAL PROJECT</p>

All students who were enrolled in grade 10 or grade 11 in 2013-14 and took an AP exam shall receive the weighted points only if they were enrolled in an equivalent AP, IB, or dual credit course for the year or semester.

LETTER GRADE
CONVERSION

Letter grade conversions shall be made in accordance with the table below:

2009-2010
SCHOOL YEAR

The following letter grade conversion scale shall apply to grades earned during the 2009–10 academic school year:

A+	=	98
A	=	95
A-	=	92
B+	=	87
B	=	84
B-	=	81

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C+	=	79
C	=	77
C-	=	75
D+	=	74
D	=	72
D-	=	70
F	=	69 OR BELOW

For students transferring from a district with a different point system for grades of A, B, C, D, and F, the equivalency system for those districts shall be honored.

For conversion of PRE-AP/PRE-IB, dual credit, or AP/IB course grades, see weighted numerical grade average, above.

2010-2011
SCHOOL YEAR

The following conversion scale shall apply to grades and GPAs earned during the 2010–11 academic school year:

NUMERICAL GRADE	REGULAR COURSE GPA	LETTER GRADE
100	4.0	A+
99	3.9	A+
98	3.8	A+
97	3.7	A
96	3.6	A
95	3.5	A
94	3.4	A-
93	3.3	A-
92	3.2	A-
91	3.1	A-
90	3.0	A-
89	2.9	B+
88	2.8	B+
87	2.7	B+
86	2.6	B+

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85	2.5	B
84	2.4	B-
83	2.3	B-
82	2.2	B-
81	2.1	B-
80	2.0	B-
79	1.9	C+
78	1.8	C+
77	1.7	C
76	1.6	C
75	1.5	C
74	1.4	D+
73	1.3	D+
72	1.2	D+
71	1.1	D+
70	1.0	D
69 OR BELOW	0.0	F

Note: The points shall be added to the student's aggregate grade point total only. Seniors shall not be eligible for a five-point grade bonus based on exam scores because AP/IB test results are not released until after final GPA is calculated and students have graduated.

TRANSFER
STUDENTS

When a student transfers grades for properly documented and eligible courses, the district shall assign weight to those grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the district, if the equivalent course is offered in the district.

APPEAL

A transfer student may appeal, in accordance with the student and parent complaint policy at FNG(local), the denial by the district to assign a weight to a transferred grade.

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