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To provide for the determination of academic class rank and to specify the conditions under which a student's academic class rank shall be reported.

"Academic class rank" shall mean the numerical position of a student in relation to all other students in a grade based upon an average earned in the courses completed by the student during the ninth through the eleventh grades.

- A. A student's academic class rank shall not be automatically reported to the student, the student's parents/guardians, to another educational institution, or to the public.
- B. If the educational institution to which a student has applied for admission indicates that it requires an academic class rank and the student could be placed at a disadvantage if one is not supplied, the academic class rank of the student shall be supplied.
- C. The academic class rank of a student shall be reported to the student or the student's parent/guardian upon request only after the end of the junior year. However, under no circumstances shall the academic class rank of students be made public.
- D. Beginning with incoming 9th grade students in the 2024-25 school year, academic class rank shall be determined by calculating the average of the grades earned in all courses completed by students during the ninth through the eleventh grades and ranking the averages from the highest to the lowest.
- E. The courses included in the academic class rank shall be those completed during the regular school term and the summer school, but not those which are part of the Saturday academic program.
- F. The weight given to the grades earned by the student in each course shall be calculated in accordance with Policy/Administrative Regulation 213 (Grading Student Progress).

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall prepare a procedure for determining the academic class rank of a student when it is required and for reporting the rank to those authorized by the policy.