

5430- CLASS RANK

The Board of Education recognizes that class rank has been de-emphasized as a major contributor employed by most secondary institutions for the purpose of a student's post-secondary institution admission. The thought of eliminating rank as a single point descriptor allows colleges to look at broader descriptors of the applicant as a candidate. Also, the de-emphasizing of class rank would have a general impact of reducing stress in students. Therefore:

1. The student's Grade Point Average (GPA) along with the respective class' decile distribution will be forwarded to post-secondary institutions.
2. The high school profile will include information regarding the decile distribution provided to post-secondary institutions during the application process.
3. The Principal or his/her designee, will determine the specific course credits granted to new enrollees/transfers for courses taken that are not a part of the district's approved program of studies. All courses taken off campus must receive prior approval by the Assistant Principals and Principal in order to be considered for credit toward the required graduation credits.
4. Class rank cannot be eliminated in its entirety because it is required for specific eligibilities including Bloustein scholarships, final financial award packages from post-secondary institutions, valedictorian and salutatorian. The building principal and the Assistant Principals will know this rank.
5. This method of rank will be utilized to determine the valedictorian and salutatorian and formally announced approximately four weeks prior to the county dinner for said individuals.
6. The calculation of GPA in determining the valedictorian and salutatorian for a specific class will be inclusive of the third marking period Senior year and students must be enrolled at Pequannock Township High School for three consecutive semesters.
7. Classes taken outside the school day and/or school year are calculated as per Policy 5460.

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