

Weighted Courses Committee
December 9, 2020
3:30 pm
Zoom

The committee is reconvening as work on this committee was halted due to covid. Lauren summarizes where this committee was per the last meeting.

It is shared that the Top Ten policy is still under discussion. The proposal was to remove Top Ten and proceed with a different honors system. The policy has an exception with Military reported rank. This is still being reviewed and voted on.

Some committee members feel that this decision will impact this committee's work.

If Top Ten stays in place the committee would like to consider unweighting. The committee discusses the rank for the military. Craig mentions that the exception can note that the rank reported to military academies can be confidential and the student does not even know.

Liz shares that in Naviance many of the colleges indicate that they need to be (or typically are) in the top 10 or top 5% of their class to be considered. The concern is that if the student does not know that information how do they be considered.

Craig shares that this is open to interpretation from the verbiage in Naviance. He explains that the descriptions are a "typical" accepted student profile, but that it is not based on one option.

Lauren shares that while the committee is waiting for the board decision on Top 10 the school counselors can investigate the language in Naviance and the best ways for the counselors to work with the students on using this tool.

Holly asks about the Honors Physics data to see how this is going since previously only having AP.

The committee discusses the rank as it applies to military academies. Liz shares that some military schools said yes they need rank and others said no. The committee discusses how the policy needs to be clear and predictable so it does not give a great deal of administrator discretion.

The committee decides to wait until the board decides on Top 10 to move forward with considerations.