



5430. CLASS RANK

- A. The Board of Education acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages and class ranking for secondary school students to inform students of their relative academic placement among their peers.
- B. The Board authorizes a system of class ranking, by weighted grade point average, for sophomore, junior, and senior students (grades 10 through 12).
- C. The Board, in its commitment to support the whole child, recognizes the importance of a rigorous academic courseload coupled with the rich experience of elective courses. As such, class rank will be calculated by the final grade in all courses, except those courses for which no credit is awarded, using the following calculations:

1. Senior Students (End of Grade 12)

$$\text{Sum of Quality Points} + \text{Sum of } \frac{\text{Weighted Non-A Credits}}{\text{Total Credits}} + \text{Sum of } \frac{\text{Weighted A Credits}}{148 \text{ Credits}} = \text{Weighted GPA}$$

2. Junior Students (End of Grade 11)

$$\text{Sum of Quality Points} + \text{Sum of } \frac{\text{Weighted Non-A Credits}}{\text{Total Credits}} + \text{Sum of } \frac{\text{Weighted A Credits}}{110 \text{ Credits}} = \text{Weighted GPA}$$

3. Sophomore Students (End of Grade 10)

$$\text{Sum of Quality Points} + \text{Sum of } \frac{\text{Weighted Non-A Credits}}{\text{Total Credits}} + \text{Sum of } \frac{\text{Weighted A Credits}}{76 \text{ Credits}} = \text{Weighted GPA}$$

- D. The following guidelines regarding class rank shall be used:

1. Class rank is an internal high school indicator and will not be routinely furnished to colleges. Class rank will be maintained as a part of each student's record in accordance with Regulation No. 8830.
2. Class rank is maintained to determine qualification for district-based awards, including valedictorian and salutatorian, and for military academy admission.
 - a. The valedictorian and the salutatorian of the graduating class shall be selected immediately at the close of the final exams. The grades up to and including the final exams shall be used in the calculation. The student with the highest average shall be

- the valedictorian and the one with the second highest average shall be the salutatorian. If two students' averages are identical, they shall be declared co-valedictorians.
- b. For purposes of determining exact class rank, the division will be carried out as many decimal places as necessary so that an exact determination can be made. If the division comes out the same for two or more students, they will both/all be awarded the same rank.
 - c. The rank of a student who immediately follows a tied position will be determined by the total number of all preceding students and not by the rank of the immediately preceding student.
- 3. Students and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may access class rank via student's Naviance account. Class rank will be calculated at the end of grade 10, end of grade 11, and end of grade 12.
 - 4. Class rank will only be released to a college or university if a direct request comes from the college and both parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and student agree that the rank shall be released.
 - 5. Class rank of a student who transfers into the district prior to September 1st of 11th grade students will include the grades earned in the regular program of the prior school. Students who enter Haddon Township School District after the first day of school of 11th grade will not be eligible for class rank.
 - 6. Grades earned in private summer school programs will not be included in the calculation of class rank.
 - 7. Students who are qualified to graduate in three years will acquire senior status in the fall of their third year in high school (junior year). They will be included in the final ranking for their new class by computing a grade point average for the three years of coursework they complete.
 - 8. Students who leave high school after three or three and one-half years (not graduates) to attend college in lieu of their fourth year at Haddon Township High School will be given an approximate rank as outlined above. These students will not be included in the final ranking of their graduating class since it is not appropriate to include college coursework in high school ranking, and they have not completed their high school coursework while in high school. These students will not be included in the determination of class rank in the graduating class since this is based on final ranking. They will be given every consideration for other graduation awards based on their performance at Haddon Township High School.

9. Classified and disabled students shall be included in class rank. Their rank shall be computed based on their enrollment in regular and/or honors courses open to all students. The weighting of honors classes shall also apply.

Cross Reference Policy No. 2624 Grading System
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Cross Reference Regulation No. 8830 Student Records

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