

COURSE SELECTIONS, CLASS RANK, AND G.P.A. IN CFISD

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Topics

- Streamline graduation requirements to state requirements by discontinuing PACE and Health as CFISD graduation requirements.
- Class Rank and Top 10%.
- Remove the K-level option where there is an Advanced Placement or Dual Credit option.
- Create a Rank Grade Point Average used only for class ranking.



Topic #1 - Streamline Graduation Requirements

- Streamline graduation requirements to state requirements by discontinuing PACE and Health as CFISD graduation requirements.
- **Personal, Academic, and Career Exploration (PACE)** (1 semester) This course is designed to assist students in the transition from middle school to high school and build skills that will assist them in the future.

Included in PACE Curriculum	Proposed content relocation
Refine 4-year plan	Counselors work with students during English I
Career exploration	Included in some CTE elective courses
State required Speech TEKS	Add to English I, II, III curriculum
Understanding GPA	Would not be moved to another course

Topic #1 - Streamline Graduation Requirements

- **Health** (1 semester) In this course students develop skills, including CPR, that will help them gain a deeper understanding of the knowledge and behaviors they can use to safeguard their health.

Included in Health Curriculum	Proposed content relocation
State required CPR instruction	Physical Education classes
Healthy living decision-making Including relationships, dating, drug abuse, healthy eating	Would not be moved to another course
Board approved, opt-in abstinence-based sex education	Would not be moved to another course

- Proposed implementation: Class of 2029 (current 8th graders)

The graduation requirements of 1 semester of health and 1 semester of PACE would remain for the Classes of 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028.

Topic #2 - Class Rank & Top 10%

- Current practice: Class Rank is published on the transcript for all students.
- Proposed practice: Class rank would be removed from the transcript. Rank would be reported for the Top 10%.
- Student benefit: Students who are not ranked may receive a comprehensive review of their applications.
- Proposed implementation: Spring 2025 for the class of 2026 (current juniors)



Topic #3 - Course Offerings

- Remove the K-level option where there is an Advanced Placement or Dual Credit option.
- K-level courses:
 - Extend student learning at the current grade level in preparation for future advanced coursework
- Advanced Placement & dual credit courses:
 - College level coursework that leads to college credit through AP testing or dual credit enrollment
- Proposed implementation: Class of 2029 (current 8th graders)



Current K level courses would continue to be available for the Classes of 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028.

Topic #4 - Create a Rank GPA used for class ranking

Current practice to determine class rank:

- Each student earns a cumulative GPA that includes all coursework with exceptions for some courses taken in middle school.
- Coursework is weighted based on the level.
- The cumulative GPA is used to determine class rank.

Grading Scale

CFISD uses a weighted 6.0 grading scale. Grade points are allocated for a course of study based on the designation of the course as indicated in the chart below.

GRADE	LEVEL OR COURSE			
	K, AP, and HORIZONS Levels	L-Level (on-level)	Below Level Adaptive Behavior, ICS-M, NAC, Resource	Life Skills
A (90-100)	7 grade points	6 grade points	5 grade points	4 grade points
B (80-89)	6 grade points	5 grade points	4 grade points	3 grade points
C (75-79)	5 grade points	4 grade points	3 grade points	2 grade points
C- (70-74)	4 grade points	3 grade points	2 grade points	1 grade points
F (below 70)	0 grade points	0 grade points	0 grade points	0 grade points

Students can access high school credit courses in middle school. Algebra I, CTE and LOTE I and II taken in middle school are not included in the GPA. If a student does not complete 4 math credits in high school, the Algebra I (on-level) credit will be calculated in the GPA.

Topic #4 - Create a Rank GPA used for class ranking

- The rank GPA would be calculated from a standard set of courses for all students. Courses would continue to be weighted based on the level.
- The rank GPA would be used for class ranking and would not be published on official transcripts.
- The cumulative GPA (as it is currently calculated) would continue to be the GPA published on transcripts.
- Student benefit: Students could pursue unweighted courses without negatively impacting their class rank.
- Proposed implementation: Class of 2031 (current 6th graders)



Questions

