

5430 CLASS RANK

The Board of Education acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages and class ranking for secondary school graduates, both to inform students of their relative academic placement among their peers and to provide students, prospective employers, and institutions of higher learning with a predictive device so that each student is more likely to be placed in an environment conducive to success.

The Board authorizes a system of class ranking, by grade point average (GPA), for students in grades 9-12. All students shall be ranked together.

Class rank will be calculated by the final grade in all subjects, except those subjects for which no credit is awarded, and will not include failing grades. Weighted credit will be calculated for grades earned in honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

The class ranking of a student who is a new enrollee or has otherwise transferred to the district will include the grades earned in the regular program of the prior school, per approval of the Pequannock Township High School (PTHS) principal or designee.

Courses taken off campus must receive previous approval of the principal or designee. Grades earned in private summer school programs will not be included in the calculation of class rank.

Any two or more students whose computed grade point averages are identical will be given the same rank. The rank of the student who immediately follows a tied position will be determined by the total number of all preceding students, not by the rank of the immediately preceding student.

Specific to the Pequannock Township School District are the following criteria:

1. A student's GPA and decile ranking, which will be included in the high school profile, will be sent to post-secondary institutions
2. Single point class rank will be used to determine the valedictorian and salutatorian. An announcement will be made approximately four weeks prior to the county dinner to honor those individuals.
3. The calculation of GPA to determine the valedictorian and salutatorian will include grades from the third marking period of senior year, and students must have been enrolled in PTHS for three consecutive semesters in order to be considered.
4. Credit for classes taken outside the school day or year are calculated per Policy 5460 - High School Graduation

POLICY _____

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A student's grade point average and reported rank will be entered on the student's record and will be subject to Board Policy No. 8330 - Student Records on the release of student records.

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