

# CLASS RANK

## **Class Rank Calculations**

Class ranking shall be determined by accumulated grade averages for all courses taken for high school credit (with exceptions noted below) divided by the number of courses for which final grades were given.

## **Valedictorian, Salutatorian, & Historian Honors:**

The valedictorian, salutatorian, and historian shall be the eligible students with the first, second, and third highest ranking using the District's class ranking procedure described in this policy.

In order to be considered for valedictorian, salutatorian, or historian honors:

- A student must be receiving a Recommended or Distinguished diploma.
- A student must have been continuously enrolled in the District high school the entirety of his or her junior and senior year, and
- Must have begun the 9<sup>th</sup> grade during the same school year as the graduating class. Early graduates will not be eligible for valedictorian, salutatorian, or historian honors. This ineligibility of early graduates may mean that the student with the highest grade average in the class is not named valedictorian.

## **Class Ranking Calculations:**

- For the purpose of calculating class rank, the following courses will have five points added to the achieved semester grade. In order to receive the five additional semester points for an A.P. course, the student must take the A.P. exam at the end of the school year. A grade of "75" or "C" is required to earn the additional points.
  1. Dual Credit courses (if applicable)
  2. A.P. Courses (if applicable)
- Grades earned in physical education, band, athletics, fine arts, correspondence courses, and in any local credit courses shall not be included in class ranking calculations.
- Grades earned by correspondence credit, credit by exam, summer school credit, credit for which only a pass/fail grade was given, credit for courses not recognized by TEA, credit earned as local credit, credit with content modified by a student's ARD committee, and credit awarded in a non-accredited instructional setting shall not be included in class ranking calculations.
- Class rank will be officially calculated after the 5<sup>th</sup> six weeks of the senior year.
- To qualify to give the valedictorian, salutatorian, or historian speech, a student shall not have been convicted of a felony at any time during his or her high school years or have been previously expelled.
- A student who transfers into Roosevelt High School with advanced level courses from previous schools shall receive points for class rank for those credits according to Roosevelt's class rank criteria.
- In the case of a tie, the valedictorian shall be identified by applying the following tie breakers in order until the tie is broken:

1. Number of AP courses
2. Number of academic courses to his or her credit. Academic courses are those not taken for elective credit.
3. Numerical grade point average of all courses taken.
4. Overall attendance during the student's high school years according to PEIMS reports.