

UNITED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: CLASS RANK AND
GRADUATION HONORS

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214. CLASS RANK AND GRADUATION HONORS	
1. Purpose	The Board acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages and class rank for secondary school graduates to inform students, parents/guardians and others of their relative academic placement among their peers under relatively similar circumstances.
2. Authority	Class rank is determined at the conclusion of the first and second semester of the 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , and 12 th grade years based on the students' cumulative weighted final average percentage grade for all courses for which a percentage grade is calculated. The average percentage grade will be calculated in all courses in which a student is enrolled for which graduation credit is granted. Weighted course grades will be averaged into the total Grade Percentage Average. Grades for courses will be calculated as follows with courses worth less than a full credit calculated accordingly. No additional weight will be added to the overall final grade average. For purposes of class rank, students must successfully complete a minimum of twelve (12) credits at United High School.
3. Guidelines	<p><u>Weighted Grades</u></p> <p>Beginning with the 2007-2008 school term, additional weight will be given to Honors, Advanced Placement and College in High School courses. Any applicable courses earned prior to the adoption of this policy revision will be recalculated under the guidelines of the new policy.</p> <p>Only courses labeled as Honors, Advanced Placement or College in High School will be weighted, with only final grades receiving weight. A weighting factor of 1.04 will be applied to Honors courses, and a weighting factor of 1.07 will be applied to Advancement Placement and College in High School courses. Only grades of C or better will be given a weighting factor.</p> <p>Grades will be determined and recorded as percentages. For purposes of comparison, letter grade equivalents are listed above. In addition, the weighted percentage grade is also listed.</p>

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Example of calculation:

<u>Grading Scale</u>	<u>AP Or College In HS</u>	<u>Weighted Honors</u>
A 93% - 100%	99% - 107%	97% - 104%
B 85% - 92%	91% - 98%	88% - 96%
C 77% - 84%	82% - 90%	80% - 87%
D 70% - 76%		
F 69% and below		

Graduation Honors

United High School will recognize valedictorian and salutatorian at commencement exercises based on class rank. Additionally, the following academic accomplishments will also be honored for students who earn the following numerical percentages.

	<u>Weighted Numerical Grade</u>
Summa Cum Laude	97% or better
Magna Cum Laude	95% - 96.999%
Cum Laude	93% - 94.999%

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.24

Board Policy – 216

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