

HIGH SCHOOL RANK IN CLASS

PURPOSE:

This Policy has been formulated for the purpose of setting forth the understandings and administrative expectations in regards to the establishment of student class ranking, the relationship of course selection, and the determination of a student's class ranking.

PHILOSOPHY:

Rank in Class is not a strictly numerical average but a weighted ranking system instead. This places more emphasis on the more difficult and time-consuming courses and encourages students to select the highest level courses for which they are qualified.

Students should be very selective in choosing the level of a course as well as the course itself. A major effort must be made to educate students, parents, and the community about rank in class prior to course selections (especially in grade 8).

All grades, including physical education, will be used to determine rank in class, with the exception of reading and learning resources which are remedial and therefore unranked.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. Each student will be ranked against his peers.
2. When a student fails a course and repeats it in summer school and if the student passes the course, the grade will be a 60. The 60 will be used for rank in class and the failing grade for that course will not be used. If the student fails the course in summer school, the summer school failing grade is used for rank in class.
3. When a student fails a course and repeats it another year, both grades will appear on the permanent record card and both grades will be used in calculating rank in class. This will occur for every course failed that is not repeated in summer school.
4. When ties occur in class rank, those students who are tied are given the same rank number and are positioned below the next highest-ranking student. The student next below the tied students will be given a rank determined by the total number of students whose rank exceeds his/hers.

Example:

2 students tie with #3 rank
#1, #2, #3, #3, #5
There will be no #4 ranked student.

5. Formula for rank in class:

$$\frac{\text{course grade} \times \text{weight} \times \text{credit attempted}}{\text{Total credits attempted}}$$

OR

Weights:

General Level = 2.0

CP Level = 3.0

Honors Level = 3.4

AP Level = 3.7

Means:

90 in CP = 80 in Honors = 73 in AP

80 = 71 = 65

70 = 62 = 57

60 = 53 = 49

6. Transfer of grade within a course level

In order to be fair, transfer grades are calculated based on a different quality point rating than class rank. For purposes of transforming grades due to level changes during the school year, the following point system is used:

General Level = 2.6

CP Level = 3.0

Honors Level = 3.4

AP Level = 3.7

Examples of Level Changes

If a student has a grade of 50 in an honors level course and is moving to a college prep level, the transfer grade would be calculated as follows:

50 (grade) x 3.4 (weight of honors course) = 170 divided by 3 (weight of college prep course) equals a transfer grade of 57.

If a student has a 50 in a college prep course and is moving to a general level, the transfer grade would be calculated as follows:

50 (grade) x 3 (weight of college prep course) = 150 divided by 2.6 (weight of general course) equals a transfer grade of 58.

If a student has an 80 in a college prep course and is moving to an honors level course, the grade would be calculated as follows:

80 (grade) x 3 (weight of college prep course) = 240 divided by 3.4 (weight of honors course) equals a transfer grade of 71.

If a student has an 80 in a general level course and is moving to a college level course, the grade would be calculated as follows:

$80 \text{ (grade)} \times 2.6 \text{ (weight of general course)} = 208$ divided by 3 (weight of college prep course) equals a transfer grade of 69.

Prior to 2007 a change from college prep to general level transfer was calculated as follows:

$50 \text{ (grade)} \times 3 \text{ (weight of college prep course)} = 150$ divided by 2 (weight of general course) equals a transfer grade of 75.

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