

## Students

**SUBJECT: CLASS RANK**

The Board of Education wishes to recognize outstanding academic achievement and shall use a system of computing grade average to inform graduation students of their class standing. Such information may also be sent to prospective employers and post-secondary institutions.

**Class Rank Computation**

Grades for all classes taken, except physical education, would be computed to determine class rank. At the end of the first semester of the senior year, final class rank will be computed.

**Transfer Students**

To be considered for first and second honors, i.e., valedictorian and salutatorian, a transfer student must have been in attendance two consecutive years prior to graduation. A grade conversion chart shall be applied to grades of students who transfer from a school which uses an alternate marking method.

**Early Graduation**

The cumulative grade point average of those students who satisfy their graduation requirements in less than 8 semesters of high school study will be computed and assigned a class rank designation in accordance with this policy. Students who elect to pursue an accelerated program of studies shall not be discriminated against in the assignment of a rank in class, and in the corresponding selection of valedictorian and salutatorian.

**Valedictorian and Salutatorian**

The valedictorian will be selected after the first semester of the senior year. The student with the highest overall average will be valedictorian and will be asked to give the valedictory speech at graduation.

The salutatorian will be selected after the first semester of the senior year. The student with the second highest overall average will be salutatorian and will be asked to give the salutatory address at commencement.

**Dissemination/Notification**

The policy on Class Rank will be disseminated to appropriate school officials and will also be published in the student handbook.

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