

# EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: CLASS RANK

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214. CLASS RANK											
1. Purpose	The Board acknowledges the necessity for a system of computing grade point averages and class rank for secondary school students enrolled in the East Stroudsburg Area School District (ESASD) to inform students, parents and others of the relative academic performance of students among their peers.										
2. Authority	The Board authorizes the establishment of a system of class rank, by grade point average, for students in grades 9-12.										
3. Definitions	<p><b>Class rank</b> reflects an individual's <u>student's</u> academic performance as compared to <u>his/her other</u> classmates by calculating <u>one's that student's</u> relative numerical position in the <u>if</u> graduating class based upon the <u>if</u> weighted grade point average (GPA).</p> <p><b>Grade Point Average (GPA)</b> is determined by dividing weighted quality points earned by credits attempted. GPA is a cumulative calculation measuring a student's achievement during their high school years.</p> <p><b>Unweighted Quality Points</b> are assigned to numeric grades on a graduated scale ranging from 0 to 4 points wherein a unique point value is assigned to each numeric grade.</p> <p><b>Weighted Quality Points</b> are calculated by multiplying the unweighted quality points assigned to a specific course by the following factors:</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Level of Course</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Weighted Course Value</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>I Applied</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>II College Preparatory</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>III Honors</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.375</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IV Advanced Placement (AP)*</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>*NOTE:</b> Only those courses based on an approved district AP curriculum <u>or dual credit</u> will <u>receive a weighted course value of 1.5.</u></p>	<u>Level of Course</u>	<u>Weighted Course Value</u>	I Applied	1.0	II College Preparatory	1.25	III Honors	1.375	IV Advanced Placement (AP)*	1.50
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<p>4. Guidelines</p> <p><del>TEMPORARY REVISION DUE TO COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE</del></p>	<p><b>Quality Points Earned</b> is the product of the quality points assigned and the credits attempted for a given course.</p> <p><del>A student</del><u>Students</u> must be enrolled in the high schools of the school district to qualify for computation of GPA and class rank. <del>Any student</del><u>Students</u> transferring into either of the school district's high schools will receive a ranking in accordance with <u>this</u> policy. <del>He/she</del><u>Enrolled students</u> will become eligible for recognition as the <u>school</u> valedictorian or salutatorian only after <del>he/she has</del><u>11.2 credits are earned at least 11.2 credits at the</u><del>through</del> <u>ESASD courses and programs high school in which he/she is enrolled</u> at the end of <del>his/her senior year and from which he/she will the</del> <u>graduat</u><del>inge</del> <u>year</u>. Eligibility for all school-based awards that are reliant upon class rank and/or GPA will be determined <del>at</del><u>by</u> the end of <u>May, and shall include all grades up to, and including</u> the third marking period of each academic year <u>and any dual credit courses</u>.</p> <p>Class rank shall be computed at the end of each marking period.</p> <p><del>Class rank for the 2019-2020 school year shall be computed at the end of the third marking period.</del></p> <p>Each high school shall maintain its own separate class rank file.</p> <p>Numerical grades, based on the 0-100% scale, will be reported by teachers for each class rank eligible course each marking period. The final course grade will be reported by the teacher for each course. Numerical grades will be recorded on the report cards and the student transcripts.</p> <p>The weighted GPA value, on a 4.0 scale, will be recorded on student transcripts and school report cards.</p>
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	<u>Course Type</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Class Rank</u>	<u>Credit towards Graduation</u>
	<u>ESASD Courses and Programs (career &amp; technical instruction)</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>
	<u>ESASD Dual Credit Program</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>
	<u>ESASD Dual Enrollment Program (elective course)</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>yes</u>
	<u>Courses taken prior to 9th grade. Example Alg 1</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>yes</u>
	<u>Transfer Courses (out of district)</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>yes</u>
	<u>Summer School Courses</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>
	<u>Audit Courses</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>
<p><del>TEMPORARY REVISION DUE TO COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE</del></p>	<p><del>Courses not taken at East Stroudsburg Area School District schools will receive credit and count toward high school graduation but will <u>not</u> count toward class rank.</del></p> <p><del>Courses provided by other educational institutions that are taken by a student with prior approval of the school principal, will receive credit and count toward high school graduation but will <u>not</u> count toward class rank, GPA or honor roll.</del></p> <p><del>High school level courses taken prior to ninth grade (e.g., Algebra I or the first full-year course of a world language) will receive credit and count toward high school graduation but will <u>not</u> count toward class rank.</del></p> <p>Any two (2) or more students whose computed grade point averages are identical shall be given the same rank. The rank of the student who immediately follows a tied position will be determined by the number of preceding students and not by the rank of the preceding person.</p> <p><del>All applicable high school courses, excluding those taken prior to ninth grade and those specifically mentioned above, are used in class rank and GPA calculations; including failures, repeats and summer school grades. When a subject, which has been taken and passed, is taken again on an audit basis, the audited course will not be used for calculating class rank or GPA.</del></p> <p><del>Students will be permitted to retake a course, which has been taken and passed, during the summer school session and/or the 2020-2021 school year. The higher grade will be used for calculating class rank or GPA.</del></p>			

Level I or first-year elective courses offered at the high school will receive a weighted course value of 1.0.

Level II elective courses offered at the high school will receive a weighted course value of 1.25.

Level III and above elective courses and those designated as honors offered at the high school will receive a weighted course value of 1.375, unless otherwise designated.

Summer school courses offered at the high school for the purpose of remediation will receive a weighted course value of 1.0.

Special education students mainstreamed in regular education courses will receive the applicable weighted course value unless otherwise stated in the student's IEP. Special education courses shall be considered applied courses.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for computing of grade point averages and assigning class rank to implement this policy, which shall include a statement of the methods for computation and rank assignment for those to whom a student's grade point average and class rank are released.