

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, parent(s)/guardian(s) 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

Class rank reflects an individual student's academic performance as compared to other classmates by calculating that student's relative numerical position in the graduating class based upon the weighted grade point average (GPA).

Grade Point Average (GPA) 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.

Unweighted Quality Points 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.

Weighted Quality Points are calculated by multiplying the unweighted quality points assigned to a specific course by the following factors:

<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

***NOTE:** Only those courses based on an approved district AP curriculum or dual credit will receive a weighted course value of 1.5.

Quality Points Earned is the product of the quality points assigned and the credits attempted for a

given course.

4. Guidelines

Students must be enrolled in the high schools of the school district to qualify for computation of GPA and class rank. Students transferring into either of the school district’s high schools will receive a ranking in accordance with this policy. Enrolled students will become eligible for recognition as the school valedictorian or salutatorian only after 11.2 credits are earned through ESASD courses and programs at the end of the graduating year. Eligibility for all school-based awards that are reliant upon class rank and/or GPA will be determined by the end of May, and shall include grades up to, and including the third marking period of each academic year and any dual credit courses.

Class rank shall be computed at the end of each marking period.

Each high school shall maintain its own separate class rank file.

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.

The weighted GPA value, on a 4.0 scale, will be recorded on student transcripts and school report cards.

Course Type	GPA	Class Rank	Credit towards Graduation
ESASD Courses and Programs (career & technical instruction)	yes	yes	yes
ESASD Dual Credit Program	yes	yes	yes
ESASD Dual Enrollment Program (elective course)	no	no	yes
Courses taken prior to 9th grade. Example Alg. 1	no	no	yes
Transfer Courses (out of district)	no	no	yes
Summer School Courses	yes	yes	yes
Audit Courses	no	no	no

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 proceeding person.

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.