

CLASS RANK / TOP TEN PERCENT HIGHEST RANKING STUDENT

CLASS RANKING	<p>All students shall be ranked in their respective classes according to the following guidelines:</p> <p>Grades earned in all high school academic courses shall be used in averaging the student's grades. Courses that have been designated as nonacademic shall be: physical education, athletics, band, drill team, dance, cheerleading and courses designated for local credit only.</p>
CORRESPONDENCE CREDIT OR CREDIT BY EXAMINATION	<p>Grades received through credit by examination for acceleration, correspondence, or credit by examination with prior instruction shall not be included with those used for the computation of grade average, class rank, and honor graduate status.</p>
VIRTUAL LEARNING COURSES	<p>Grades received in virtual learning courses offered by the District shall be weighted as determined by the status of the equivalent high school course completed on a District campus. Grades received in virtual learning courses completed through another source shall be treated as correspondence courses and credit by examination.</p> <p>High school credit earned at the middle school level shall be used in the class ranking.</p> <p>Semester grades shall be used for averaging and class ranking. Class ranking for determination of the valedictorian and salutatorian awards is calculated at the end of the fifth six-week period.</p> <p>Students must complete the Recommended or Distinguished Achievement Program to be considered for the top ten percent of the graduating class.</p>
COURSE WEIGHTS	<p>Weights shall be assigned and used in computing averages and ranks. The weighted numerical system on a 4 point scale is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">4.0 Basic and Regular Classes4.5 Pre-Advanced Placement and Honors5.0 Advanced Placement Courses and Concurrent Enrollment <p>No points shall be awarded for failing semester grades, or if the course is not completed.</p>

Early Graduates

Early graduates shall be ranked in the class with which they graduate.

Transfer students will be ranked with the graduating class in order of their GPA.

VALEDICTORIAN/ SALUTATORIAN

Eligibility for valedictorian and salutatorian awards shall be based on the highest grade average and second highest grade average respectively. This determination is made after the end of the fifth six weeks period. To become valedictorian or salutatorian, a student must have been a full-time student at Lake Dallas High School for his or her final four semesters.

An abbreviated summer school session shall not fulfill the semester residence enrollment.

Students who have engaged in serious misconduct as determined by the principal and a faculty advisory committee shall not be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors. Serious misconduct includes, but is not limited to, alternative education program placement, suspension, or expulsion.

In cases of a tie in weighted grade averages among the top ranking students, the following methods shall be used to determine who shall be recognized as valedictorian or salutatorian:

1. Computing the weighted grade average to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken;
2. However, if a tie still remains, the student with the highest numerical grade average of all Pre-AP and AP courses taken shall be designated.

[For further information, see policies at EIC.]