

5430 CLASS RANK

The Board of Education acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages and class ranking for secondary school graduates, both to inform students of their relative academic placement among their peers and to provide students, prospective employers, and institutions of higher education information to ensure that every student is placed in an environment conducive to success.

The Board authorizes a system of class ranking, by grade point average, for students in grades 9 through 12.

All students shall be ranked together.

Class rank will be calculated by the final grade in all subjects in the regular academic program of studies. Weighted credit will be calculated for grades earned in an honors course or an Advanced Placement (AP) course. The class rank of a student who transfers to this district will include grades earned in the regular program of the prior school(s).

Any two or more students whose computed grade point averages are identical will be given the same rank. The rank of the student who immediately follows a tied position will be determined by the total number of all preceding students not by the rank of the immediately preceding student.

A student's grade point average and rank in class will be entered on the student's record and will be subject to Board Policy No. 8330 on the release of student records. The reporting of class rank on student transcripts is optional and will not be reported unless authorized in writing by student and parent.

Class rank will be reported when requested to bona fide scholarship programs to include the National Merit Scholarship Program, the Garden State Distinguished Scholars Program, United States Military Academies, and other local or institutional scholarship programs. Appropriate release of class rank for other special award or distinction programs will be at the discretion of the Principal or his designee.

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