

## Instruction

### Weighted Grades

Weighted Grades will be used to determine the honor roll, class valedictorian, and academic awards, as well as rank in class.

Counselors will translate the grades of a student who transfers into our district into our weighted grade system.

A statement explaining the District's weighted grade system will be attached to students' transcripts.

Weighted grades will be limited to:

- Courses that are clearly academic and college-preparatory in nature.
- Advanced courses in the areas of English, mathematics, and sciences, and to upper level courses in other subject areas which may be required for admission to certain colleges, or to specific programs in those colleges and which serve long-range career goals for the students.
- Courses which are clearly more demanding than those courses taken by students who are not college-bound (i.e. courses that cover more content at a faster pace).

Weights to be used for determining rank in class are as follows:

<u>Regular Courses</u>	<u>Honors Courses**</u>
A = 4.0	A = 5.0
B = 3.0	B = 4.0
C = 2.0	C = 3.0
D = 1.0	D = 1.0
F = 0	F = 0

\* College Prep courses are designed for students who have made a commitment to a four-year program of studies in the college-prep. curriculum.

\*\* Honors courses are limited to students who have a "B" average and are in the upper 15% of their class.

Valedictorian status will be awarded to students with straight "A" averages who have taken the maximum number of honors courses.

**A listing of all weighted courses will appear in the yearly course guide.**

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