

WEIGHTED CLASS RANKING

The Board of Education supports the District's efforts to encourage high school students to seek out challenging academic courses, recognize them for their work in such courses and better enable them to qualify for college scholarships. Therefore, a student's class rank shall be based on a combination of the student's grade in each course and a "weight" related to the difficulty of the course. The "weight" affects only the student's class rank, not the method for grading coursework.

Class rank will be based upon the four year academic record of all students eligible to graduate. Highest academic honors, including valedictorian and salutatorian, will be determined on the basis of a three and three-quarter year rank. Co-valedictorians or co-salutorians will be selected in cases where the grade point averages are equal. A student eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian must attend the Catskill Central School District for a minimum of three years prior to graduation and be enrolled as a full-time student at the time of graduation.

Weighted class rank will be reported on a student's transcript and utilized for college and scholarship applications, and for eligibility criteria into school clubs or organizations requiring a grade point average (e.g., National Honor Society). Class rank information shall not be reported on the student's report card. However, for the purpose of college applications, transcripts will include both the weighted and un-weighted grade point average and weighted and un-weighted class rank.

All final grades in Honors courses will be multiplied by .05. All final grades in Advanced Placement (AP) courses and college level courses, whether taken at Catskill High School, at BOCES, at the college campus, or on-line as long as it is from an accredited institution, will be multiplied by .09. On-line college courses will, however, require the prior approval of the Principal. The Principal's decision may be appealed to the Superintendent of Schools.

Any 8th grade student completing an accelerated program in Math (Algebra I) or Language (and passing the Language Proficiency Exam) will receive weighted credit and all final grades in these courses will be multiplied by .05.

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