

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: CLASS RANK

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214. CLASS RANK	
1. Purpose	The Board acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages and class ranking for secondary school graduates to inform students, parents/guardians and others of their relative academic placement among their peers under relatively similar circumstances. The Board recognizes, however, that the reporting of class rank can have unintended, and unhealthy, consequences. Thus, the Board seeks to balance the need for a system of class ranking with a system that relieves student pressures and unhealthy competition and allows for flexibility in scheduling.
2. Authority AP 214	In recognition of the heavier burden of work for certain courses, they will receive a higher weighted grade point value.
3. Guidelines Pol. 216	<p>The Board hereby establishes the parameters of a class ranking system, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A student's weighted and unweighted grade point averages shall be entered on his/her record and shall be subject to the Board's policy on release of student records. 2. The district shall not report student class rank publicly. Student transcripts will report N/A or not available. 3. The district shall maintain a weighted grade point average for all students and will maintain a class rank order. However, the district shall only report a student's individual class rank position directly to postsecondary institutions or other entities which have a legitimate reason to request such information. 4. Individual letter grades shall be reported on a student's report card or progress report. In recognition of the rigor of studies in the three (3) levels of courses provided by the district, the numeric value for the letter grades shall be weighted. For unweighted courses, A's would be awarded a 4; B's would be awarded a 3; C's would be awarded a 2; D's would be awarded a 1; and failures would be 0. For honors courses, A's would be awarded a 5, with the other grades descending accordingly, and with failures being 0. Finally, for advanced placement (AP) courses, A's would be awarded a 5.25, with the other grades descending accordingly, and with failures being 0.

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>5. The district shall provide a weighted and unweighted grade point average on student transcripts and report cards for each semester.</p> <p>6. The district shall not recognize the honorary distinctions of valedictorian or salutatorian after the graduation of the Class of 2010. The district shall institute a Latin, college-style, honors system beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. Such a system shall recognize all students with weighted GPA's of 4.6 or higher, as <i>summa cum laude</i>, all students with weighted GPA's between 4.25 and 4.59, as <i>magna cum laude</i>, and all students with weighted GPA's between 3.75 and 4.24, as <i>cum laude</i>.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the computation of grade point averages and the assignment of rank in class to implement this policy.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510</p> <p>Board Policy – 216</p>
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