

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

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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 pupils of their relative academic placement among their peers and to provide pupils, prospective employers, and institutions of higher learning with a predictive device so that each pupil is more likely to be placed in an environment conducive to success.

The Board authorizes a system of class ranking, by grade point average, for pupils in grades nine through twelve. All pupils shall be ranked together.

The calculation of a student's class rank involves the following steps:

1. The final grade for each major academic course is given a numerical number (dependent of the level of the course) which is multiplied by the courses' credit value; this becomes the point value for the course.
2. The point value for each rankable course is totaled and then divided by the number of credits earned; this number is the student's "weighted GPA."
3. The weighted GPA for all students enrolled in the same grade are ordered from the highest to the lowest and the student's ~~percentile~~ decile in class is determined (from ~~99+~~ 1 as the highest to ~~1~~ 10 as the lowest).

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

A pupil's grade point average and rank in class on a ~~decile~~ percentage basis will be entered on the pupil's record and will be subject to Board Policy No. 8330 on the release of pupil records.

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