

5430 CLASS RANK

The Board of Education acknowledges that the academic environment at Randolph High School is very challenging and that the majority of students meet that challenge by earning exemplary grades. The high school does not provide exact ranking of students in the belief that academic standards, comprehensive curriculum, and methods of evaluation best represent each student's academic performance and potential. It is the district's belief that students' levels of achievement are not equitably or fully communicated by a single transcript statistic.

The district authorizes a system of class ranking by cumulative weighted grade point average for the selection of valedictorian and salutatorian only. A valedictorian and salutatorian will be selected using the traditional process of determining the student with the highest weighted cumulative GPA for valedictorian and the second highest weighted cumulative GPA for salutatorian. Students with cumulative weighted GPAs within 1/100th shall be considered a statistical tie. In the event that there is a statistical tie for the valedictorian or salutatorian appointment, the students shall each be awarded the honor and serve as co-valedictorian or co-salutatorian. In case of a tie for valedictorian, there will be co-valedictorians but no salutatorian. In case of a tie for salutatorian, there will be co-salutatorians along with the single named valedictorian. The cumulative weighted GPA will be run after the posting of the third quarter grades in the senior year. In order to be eligible for consideration, a student must have a history of continuous enrollment at Randolph High School for at least their junior and senior years. The cumulative weighted GPA will be calculated to four decimal places.

A decile ranking will be kept in order to provide mandated information to scholarship providers, colleges, and other organizations as evaluated by the district administration. In accordance with NJSA 18A:71B-85.5, internal class rank information may be released directly to the NJ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, service academies, or other scholarship providers. Internal class rank shall be kept confidential and will only be released to requesting institutions or organizations.

Cumulative grade point averages will be calculated by the final grade earned in all classes taken. The weight associated with a completed course will be used in calculating the cumulative GPA. Pass/fail grades are not included in this calculation.

The ranking of a student who has transferred to this district will include the grades earned in the regular program of the prior school and be entered on the official transcript at the time of registration. Private summer school programs and other outside experiences will not be included on the official transcript, will not earn high school credit, and will not be used in GPA calculation.



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Cumulative weighted and unweighted grade point averages will be entered on a student's record and will be subject to Policy 8330 on the release of student records.

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