

5430 CLASS RANK

~~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 students, 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 for purposes of calculating only the valedictorian and salutatorian of the graduating class.~~

~~All pupils shall be ranked together.~~

~~Class rank will be calculated by the final grade in all subjects, except those subjects for which no credit is awarded, and will not include failing grades. Weighted credit will be calculated for grades earned in an honors course, a course of independent study, and AP course. The class ranking of a pupil who has transferred to this district will include the grades earned in the regular program of the prior school. Grades earned in private summer school programs will not be included in the calculation of class rank.~~

~~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 will be entered on the pupil's record and will be subject to Board Policy No. 8330 on the release of pupil records.~~

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.

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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