

## CLASS RANK

The Board of Education acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages (GPA) and rank in class for secondary school graduates, Both GPA and rank inform students of their relative academic placement among their peers and provide students, prospective employers, and institutions of higher learning with a predictive with a device to predict future success.

The Board authorizes a system of class ranking, by grade point average, for students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Class rank shall be determined by GPA which is calculated from the final grades in all subjects in which credit is awarded and will include grades of past failure. All students who transfer to the High Point Regional School district prior to the second semester of Grade 11 are included in the calculation of senior class rank.

The calculation of rank, for students who transfer prior to the second semester of Grade 11, will include grades earned in the regular academic program of their prior school. Students who transfer to the district after the the start of second semester of Grade 11 will not be included in the calculation of senior class rank.

- Grades earned while attending a foreign exchange program, an out-of-district program, or college course while the student is still enrolled in high school will not be included in the rank.
- Transfer grades (for courses) will be weighted equal to, but not to exceed, the weighted of courses offered at High Point Regional High School.
- Grades earned in summer school programs shall be included for calculation of class rank at the general level.
- Official class rank will be generated by mid August prior to senior year.
- Virtual Courses are not included in class rank unless taught by High Point faculty.

Selection of the graduating class Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be done ten days after the completion of the third marking period.

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Any two or more students whose computed grade point averages are identical will be given the same rank in class. The rank of the student who immediately follows a tied position will be determined by the number of students preceding him or her and not by the rank of the person preceding him or her.

An internal class rank will be kept in order to provide mandated information to HESAA in order to determine eligibility for scholarships and programs. This internal rank will be kept confidential and will be released directly to HESAA only.

The Board recognizes the desirability of offering differing academic instructional programs, planned according to differences in student goals, prior achievement, and ability. In recognition of the more stringent demands of certain programs, grade point averages shall be weighted by awarding credit according to the relative demands of the academic courses completed.

A student's grade point average and rank in class will be entered on his or her record and shall be subject to Board policy on the release of student records.

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