

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: CLASS RANK

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority</p> <p>3. Guidelines</p> <p>Pol. 216</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">214. CLASS RANK</p> <p>The Board acknowledges the necessity for a system of computing grade point averages and class rank for secondary school students to inform students, parents/guardians and others of their relative academic placement among their peers.</p> <p>The Board authorizes a system of class rank, by percentage, for students in grades 9-12.</p> <p>Percentages of 0.5 or greater will be rounded up to the next whole number. Percentages of 0.4 or less will remain the same. All students shall be ranked together.</p> <p>Class rank shall be computed by the final grade in all subjects for which credit is awarded.</p> <p>Any two (2) or more students whose computed grade point averages are identical shall be given the same rank. The rank of the student who immediately follows a tied position will be determined by the number of students preceding and not by the rank of the proceeding person.</p> <p>A student's grade point average and rank in class shall be entered on the student's record and transcripts and shall be subject to Board policy on release of student records.</p> <p><u>Weighted Grades</u></p> <p>In recognition of the heavier burden of certain work, grade point averages shall be weighted by awarding extra credit for each designated honors course, advanced work course, and designated advanced placement course.</p> <p>Using a weighted ranking system, greater emphasis is placed upon more challenging courses. Courses in this advanced category require study that goes beyond the classroom explanations. Most work is challenging at the higher level of cognition. These courses are accelerated, demand higher than average reading skills, and provide enrichment opportunities for able students.</p>
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4. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for computing grade point averages and assigning class rank to implement this policy, which shall include a statement of the methods for computation and rank assignment for those to whom a student's grade point average and class rank are released.

This weighted system is used for the college admissions process. The procedure for weighting is used for calculations for determining honor roll, class rank, and eligibility for other honor programs such as the annual Academic Awards Ceremony. Note: Class rank will only be run at the semester break and after final exams.