

FAQ – Policy Change to EIC (LOCAL) – Academic Achievement Class Ranking

- **Why did the Board change the policy?**
 - MISD partners with Tarrant County College for our Dual Credit programs. Dual credit classes are graded on the TCC schedule by semester. TCC informed the District that they will no longer be providing in-progress grades (every 6 weeks). This change means that MISD can no longer calculate class rank in accordance to our previous policy by using grades available at the end of the fifth six-week grading period.
- **What does the new policy say?**
 - The new policy requires that the District shall calculate class rank by using grades available at the end of fall semester of the senior year for the valedictorian, salutatorian, top 20 students (or ten), summa cum laude students, magna cum laude students, and cum laude students.
- **When does the policy go into effect?**
 - The policy goes into effect for the class of 2025 (current juniors).
- **What if my student has already enrolled in a dual credit class for 2024-25?**
 - Students will be provided the opportunity to make adjustments to their schedules. High school counselors should be contacting all current juniors prior to the end of this school year to ensure they can make changes to their schedule if they desire.
- **Should my student drop their dual credit class?**
 - Dual credit classes are beneficial to many students, as they provide an opportunity to earn college credit at no cost while also earning high school credits. However, if your student is concerned that this change will affect their overall grade-point at the time class rank is determined (the end of the first semester of their senior year), they should talk to their counselor.
- **Did anything else in the policy change?**
 - The language surrounding breaking a tie for valedictorian and salutatorian changed (see below)
 - *Count the number of **Honors** courses taken and passed per 0.5 by each student involved in the tie.*
 - Additionally, Policy FM (LOCAL) was updated to add that TCC, AP, and Honors courses allowed by UIL are now eligible for exemption from classes required that students pass in order to participate in any extracurricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the District.
- **What if I have more questions?**
 - Your student's counselor is their go-to resource for ensuring that their schedule meets their academic goals for high school and beyond. If you or your student has questions, please encourage them to make an appointment with their counselor.