

## CLASS RANKINGS / GRADE POINT AVERAGES

The class ranking and/or grade point averages of students are required by many colleges and universities on transcripts submitted for entrance evaluation.

Class rankings are determined each semester beginning with the first semester of the ninth grade and shall include grades earned by students taking approved high school credit courses in middle school. Total grade points accumulated by a student are divided by the total units attempted to produce the cumulative grade point average. Students are ranked according to their grade point average (GPA), with 4.00 as high, with the exception of Advanced Placement, Pre-Advanced Placement and Dual Credit classes wherein 5.00 is high.

### Calculating Final Rankings

- In order to qualify for ranking in the Top Ten or Top 10% of a graduating senior class, a student must complete his or her entire senior year (9 months) in the Gadsden Independent School District. To be eligible for such ranking, students who wish to graduate in less than four (4) years, or those transferring from another district, must also complete their entire senior year in the district.
- In calculating the Top Ten students or Top Ten Percent of a graduating class, the GPA of “early graduates” (i.e., students who are graduating a year *ahead* of their Cohort) are included in the rankings of the current graduating class but *do not displace* students in the Top Ten or Top Ten Percent of the current graduating class; rather they are *added on* to these lists. The GPA of “late graduates” (i.e., students who will not graduate until a year or more *after* their Cohort) are not included in the rankings of the current graduating class.
- Two or more graduating students with the same GPA, carried out to three (3) digits, are considered a “tie”. No other factors, such as the number of classes taken by a student, are considered. If a tie occurs when determining Valedictorian and/or Salutatorian, the tying students will *both/all* be named Valedictorian, or Salutatorian, as applicable.
- The “cut-off” date for calculating the final rankings of graduating seniors is 5:00 p.m. on the fourth work day prior to the day of graduation. For example, if graduation is on a Saturday, the cut-off date for calculating final rankings is Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

### Criteria for Inclusion in Rankings

Beginning with the Cohort of 2022 (students entering as ninth graders in 2018-19), only those students who have completed all course requirements for graduation (by units) as listed in Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements, will be included in the class ranking calculations for the purpose of naming the Top Ten students or the Top Ten Percent of the graduating class.

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