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CLASS RANKING

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- A. The policy set forth in this Section A. shall govern all students entering the ninth grade for the first time in 2009/2010 and each year thereafter:

Class ranking is a means of measuring academic performance. The board also recognizes other means of evaluating student achievement, including grade point average, courses completed, and rigorousness of the curriculum, results of tests and assessments and recommendation letters.

High schools may compile class rankings periodically and make the information available to the student, his/her parents, and to other institutions, at the request of the student or his or her parents.

Principals are responsible for ensuring that class ranking is computed in a fair and consistent manner with adequate notice to student and parents. The superintendent or principal shall provide written procedures on how students are to be treated who have or are perceived as having equivalent grade point averages. Nothing in this policy provides any legal entitlement to a particular class rank or title.

Although the student grievance procedure may be utilized to formally resolve disputes, the board encourages parents, students and the principal to informally reach a resolution on any matters related to class rank.

- B. The policy set forth in this Section B. shall govern all students enrolled in high school, other than those entering ninth grade for the first time in 2009/2010 and each year thereafter:

Class ranking is a means of measuring academic performance. The board also recognizes other means of evaluating student achievement, including grade point average, courses completed, and rigorousness of the curriculum, results of tests and assessments and recommendation letters.

High schools may compile class rankings periodically and make the information available to the student, his/her parents, and to other institutions, at the request of the student or his/her parents. While high schools may designate a valedictorian and salutatorian, the board encourages the principal, with input from teachers, parents and students, to develop alternative or additional means for recognizing academic achievements.

Principals are responsible for ensuring that class ranking is computed in a fair and consistent manner with adequate notice to student and parents. The superintendent or principal shall provide written procedures on how students are treated who have or are perceived as having equal grade point. Nothing in this policy provides any legal entitlement to a particular class rank or title. Although the student grievance procedure may be utilized to formally resolve disputes, the board encourages parents, students and the principal to informally reach a resolution on any matters related to class rank.