**CLASS RANKINGS** *Policy Code:* **3450**

Class rankings are one method of measuring academic performance. The board also recognizes other means of evaluating scholar achievement, including grade point average, courses completed, rigorousness of curriculum, results of tests and assessments, and recommendation letters.

The principal shall provide for the compilation of class rankings to be listed on scholar transcripts and may make class rank information available periodically to scholars and their parents or guardians, and to other institutions at the request of the scholar or the scholar’s parent or guardian.

Academic Honors for graduating scholars:

* Honor Graduate – A graduating scholar must have a weighted grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher. Honor graduates will be recognized with the following distinctions:
  + Summa Cum Laude – scholars with a weighted GPA of 4.5 of greater
  + Magna Cum Laude – scholars with a weighted GPA of 4.1000- 4.499
  + Cum Laude - scholars with a weighted GPA of 3.5 – 4.099

**Commencement Marshals**

Scholars from the NERSBA Junior Class will be selected to serve as marshals for graduation exercises based on academic standing with their class. Scholars ranking among the eight highest weighted grade point averages, cumulative through the conclusion of the fall semester of their junior year of study at NERSBA will be asked to serve in this capacity.

The principal shall ensure that class ranking is computed in a fair and consistent manner as provided in State Board of Education Policy GRAD-009. The principal shall ensure that scholars and parents receive adequate notice as to how class rank is calculated and shall provide written procedures on how scholars with equal grades, or grades that may be perceived as equal, will be treated. Nothing in this policy provides a scholar with any legal entitlement to a particular class rank or title. Although the scholar grievance procedure provided in policy 1740/4010, Scholar and Parent Grievance Procedure, may be utilized to resolve disputes formally, the board encourages parents, scholars, and the principal to reach a resolution informally on any matters related to class rank.

Legal References: State Board of Education Policy GRAD-009

Cross References: Parental Involvement (policy 1310/4002), Scholar and Parent Grievance Procedure (policy 1740/4010), Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program (policy 3000), Recognizing Excellence (policy 3440)

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