

MORRISVILLE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

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214-AR-0. CLASS RANK

Class rank is used as an academic descriptor for college admissions and employers. Class rank also determines valedictorian, salutatorian and other academic honors at graduation.

Grade Point Average (GPA) is used to determine class rank within each grade level. Each student's GPA is calculated at the end of each report period in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. It is determined by using the final grade and total number of credits for each course taken. All mathematical calculations will be carried two (2) decimal points.

Only grades and courses taken at the school district will be used to calculate a student's GPA. Transfer courses will be incorporated into the determination of GPA only when the exact course is offered at the district high school.

A district-sponsored summer school grade is averaged with the grade of the previous course if the summer course was taken to improve a previous grade or to pass a course that was failed. Example: a student who takes eight (8) courses during the school year and repeats two (2) of those courses in summer school will have his/her GPA computed using all ten (10) grades.

For credit course work taken through alternative instruction, such as correspondence courses, distance education, online courses, home education, and summer school not sponsored by the district, the grade and credit will be recorded on the student's transcript; and the source of the course will be indicated. The grade and credits for a course taken through alternative instruction will not be included in the calculation of a student's GPA.

Nongraded courses will be omitted from the calculations for class rank.

Weighted Grading

Weighted grading encourages all students to enroll in the most rigorous academic schedule commensurate with their ability without risking detriment to class rank and cumulative GPA.

Grade Point Averages will be weighted by awarding extra credit for Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Honors courses and courses so designated in the student course selection materials.