

CLASS RANK

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- 1. This policy will affect all courses beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.
- 2. Class rank shall be determined using Grade Point Average (GPA). GPA shall be calculated using the sum of final numeric grade averages for each course times the number of course credits, times course weight factor to produce the Total Quality Points. The Total Quality Points are then divided by the number of credits taken.

Sum of (Course Grade x Course Credits x Weight Factor) = Total Quality Points
 Total Quality Points divided by Total Credits = GPA

GPA Formula:

Example Calculation:

$$\frac{\text{Final Grade} \times \text{Potential Credits} \times \text{Weight Factor}}{\text{Potential Credits}}$$

$$\frac{90 \times 5 \times 1.08}{5} = 97 \text{ Weighted GPA}$$

- 3. All courses offered during the academic school year, and for which credit is awarded are included in calculating GPA. Excluded from the GPA will be courses taken on a pass/fail basis, zero period courses, evening or summer enrichment courses, whether through the Pennsville School District or another educational provider.
- 4. Calculations will be computed using as many decimal places as provided by the software being used for grades.
- 5. Any two or more students who have a computed GPA that are identical shall be given the same class rank. The rank of the pupil who immediately follows a tied position will be determined by the total number of all preceding pupils, and not by the rank of the immediately preceding pupil.
- 6. A pupil's GPA and class rank will be entered on a pupil's record and will be subject to Board Policy No. 5125 "PUPIL RECORDS."

Course Weighting Factors

- 1. In order to place more weight on Honors and AP courses offered at Pennsville Memorial High School, the following procedure will be utilized to adjust the student's grade point average and rank for courses listed under each course group level:
 - a. **Advanced Placement (AP):** All students who complete courses listed as AP will have their final course grade calculated by a factor of 1.10, and that weighted grade will be used as the GPA.

- b. **Honors:** All students who complete courses listed as Honors will have their final course grade calculated by a factor of **1.08**, and that weighted grade will be used as the GPA.
 - c. **Academic:** All students who complete courses listed as Academic level courses will be calculated by a factor of 1.0 to calculate course GPA.
2. Courses taken prior to the 2014-2015 school year will be weighted as follows:
- a. Advanced Placement: 5 points will be added to the final grade.
 - b. Honors: 3 points will be added to the final grade.
 - c. Academic: 0 points will be added to the final grade.

Senior Honors

The following academic awards shall be honored:

- 1. **Valedictorian** (ranked 1st) and **Salutatorian** (ranked 2nd) shall be determined using GPA as mentioned above plus the following criteria:
 - a. The students must have been enrolled in the Pennsville School District for the last two full years leading up to graduation.
 - b. Students in the academies housed at Pennsville Memorial High School also qualify for these positions, including those who come here from other districts. However, letter "A" must be met by attending an academy housed here for the required minimum time leading to graduation.
- 2. Students with a GPA greater than or equal to 98.0 will be designated **Summa cum Laude** (with highest honor) and recognized at graduation ceremonies.
- 3. Students with a GPA greater than or equal to 95.0 and less than 98.0 will be designated **Magna cum Laude** (with high honor) and recognized at graduation ceremonies.

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Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-3, -4, -6, -6.2	Remedial instruction for students not meeting graduation standards.
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.9	Pupil promotion and remediation, policies and Procedures.
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-34	Written approval required prior to acquisition of certain survey information from students
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7	Equality in school and classroom practice
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.1 <i>et seq.</i>	Standards and Assessments
See particularly	
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.3, -4.1, -5.1	
N.J.A.C. 6A:10A-3.1 <i>et seq.</i>	School districts-led standards-based instruction
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4(c)	District policies and procedures
N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.4	Evaluation process for the annual review
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-2.1	Definitions
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1	Student Records
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.2	School-level planning
34 CFR 98	Protection of Pupil Rights

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 *et seq.*
Talarsky v. Edison Township Board of Education, 1977 S.L.D. 862

Possible Cross References:

1000/1010	Concepts and roles in community relations; goals and objectives
1120	Board of education meetings
5113	Absences and excuses
5120	Assessment of individual needs
5124	Reporting to parents/guardians
5125	Pupil records
5141.3	Health examinations and immunizations
6142.6	Basic skills
6146	Graduation requirements
6146.2	Promotion/retention
6147	Standards of proficiency
6147.1	Marking System
6171.4	Special education