

Medway Public Schools
Medway, MA
SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY

Policy #33

High School Class Rank

Two class ranks will be provided on each high school student's transcript. One is based on those subjects which colleges feel are the best indicators of college academic success. Subjects included in this rank are: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and foreign language. The second class rank will include all subjects, and thus reflect all aspects of a student's achievement.

Weighted/Academic Class Rank

The weighted/academic class rank includes English, mathematics, science, social studies, and foreign language. Other subjects are not included in this class rank.

All students must be enrolled each year in five (5) academic courses.

All students must be enrolled each year in a minimum of six (6) courses.

If a student takes six (6) academic courses, all are included in the class rank.

A grade point chart will be used to determine the quality points.

Failed courses will receive no quality points, but will be included in the calculation.

Class rank will be determined by the quality point average of the academic subjects. If a student takes six (6) academic subjects each year for the four (4) years, or twenty-four (24) academic subjects, the total number of quality points will be calculated and divided by twenty-four (24). If a student takes five (5) academic subjects each year for four (4) years, or twenty (20) academic subjects, the total number of quality points will be calculated and divided by twenty (20).

This means of calculating the weighted/academic class rank eliminates any disadvantage of a student would have who elects a sixth course, such as art, chorus or band.

Class rank is calculated at the end of the junior year.

In a graduating class, the student's class ranks will be listed in numerical order from the highest quality point average earned to the lowest.

Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Honor Essayist will be determined by the weighted/academic class rank.

Transfers students: Credits earned at another school will be prorated by the administration to match Medway High School's grading and credit system. The class rank of transfer students who enter as juniors will be calculated upon completion of their first year Medway High School. A senior year transfer student's class rank will be based upon the sending school's rank, and will be designated as such on the transcripts.

Grade Point Average/Non-Weighted Class Rank

The grade point average/non-weighted class rank will include all subjects taken by a student. This rank is derived by averaging all grades of all subjects taken. Students' ranks will be calculated in numerical order from the highest to the lowest.

Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Honor Essayist are determined by the weighted class rank, not by the non-weighted class rank.

This policy will begin with the class of 2011 (9th grade during 1997-98 school year).

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