214.-HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT RECOGNITION

1. Purpose

The Board acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages for secondary school graduates to inform students and parents/guardians of the student’s academic achievement. As of the revision date of this policy, the Board no longer recognizes the usefulness of reporting class rank beginning with the graduating class of 2020. All graduating classes prior to the class of 2020, utilized a system of class ranking, by grade point average.

2. Authority

The district shall maintain a weighted grade point average (Policy 213) for all students and will maintain a class rank order. However, the district shall only report a student’s individual class rank position directly to postsecondary institutions or other entities, which have a legitimate reason to request such information (ex. Service Academy applications or scholarship opportunities). The class rank shall not be shared with or distributed to students or parents/guardians.

Reporting:

For the classes of 2018 and 2019:
Class rank shall appear on school transcripts and end of academic year report cards.

For the class of 2020 and beyond: Class rank and all references to class rank shall not appear on school district documents. The reporting of class rank shall only be provided to a college, university, or other appropriate institution or agency when required. Upon written parent/guardian request, which shall include documentation of the requirement, this information shall be forwarded directly to the requesting college, university, institution or agency for the purposes of admissions, scholarships, financial aid, or any other reason deemed appropriate by the district. The class rank shall not be shared with or distributed to students or parents/guardians.
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For the classes of 2018 and 2019:  
The district shall recognize the honorary distinctions of valedictorian or salutatorian.

For the class of 2020 and beyond:  
The district shall institute a Latin, college-style honors system. All students with minimum weighted GPA of 99.0 or higher as summa cum laude, all students with minimum weighted GPA of 95.0 as magna cum laude, and all students with minimum weighted GPA of 90.0 as cum laude. Note: final grades will not be rounded.

3. Delegation of Responsibility | The Superintendent is authorized to develop any necessary guidelines for the implementation of this policy.
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References:  
School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510  
State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.24  
Board Policy – 213, 216