



POLICY

**Haddonfield
Board of Education**

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Class Rank

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The Board of Education acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages and class ranking for secondary school graduates, both to inform pupils of their relative academic placement among their peers and to provide students, prospective employers, and institutions of higher learning with a predictive device so that each student is more likely to be placed in an environment conducive to success.

As a result of extensive study, the following guidelines regarding class rank have been developed:

- Class rank is an internal high school indicator and will not be routinely furnished to colleges nor posted on student permanent record cards.
- Class rank will continue to be maintained for the purpose of our town local awards including valedictorian, salutatorian and Neumuellar Edward Bloustein Distinguished Scholar Program and for military academy admission.
- Students and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will not be denied access to class rank at any time. Class rank will be calculated after the second, fourth, sixth, and seventh semesters. Valedictorian and salutatorian will continue to be based on all eight semesters of high school work.
- Class rank will not be released to a college or university unless a direct request comes from the college and both parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and student agree that the rank should be released. We will emphasize to colleges our concern that to rank our students comparing one against another diminishes their achievement in a competitive college preparatory program in a very demanding high school.
- Grade Point average, along with a school-wide grade distribution by subject, will be sent to all colleges and universities to which our students apply

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