

POLICY

Hamilton Township Board of Education

Section: Pupils
5430. CLASS RANK
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The criteria for determining the identification and recognition of the top two academic students in each team in the graduating class are as follows:

1. The first three marking periods in grade eight are used to determine the student's eligibility.
2. Specific numerical averages are used to determine exact grade. Presently, letter grades are used on the student report cards. Teachers of eighth grade students are notified at the beginning of each school year that they must keep a numerical average for each student, as well as a letter grade.
3. The factor by which each grade is multiplied is determined by the number of times that course meets in a year.
Examples:
Physical Education and Health (classes that meet every other day) grades will be multiplied by $.50 \times 2$.
Related Arts (classes that meet for only one marking period) grades will be multiplied by $.25 \times 4$.
All major subjects (classes that meet every day for the entire year) grades will be multiplied by 1.00.
4. Major subject areas:
Student grades are weighted by level of class where students are enrolled.
The top two level courses (excluding Algebra 1): $5\% \times \text{grade earned} = \text{point total}$. The Algebra 1 program will be given extra weighting (10%) because it is a high school course. All other levels: $\text{grade earned} = \text{point total}$.
5. Add total points to determine the top two students from each team.
6. In addition, one student will be identified and recognized for each content subject in each team. One student per team for each of the following subjects:
 - English
 - Reading
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies

These students will be identified by the teacher's grade point average.

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