



**FAQ for the Release 1 & 2 of End of 11th Grade – 6 Semester Official GPA/RIC (Rank-in-Class)
ADDENDUM**

Academic Achievement Class Rank Philosophy:

McAllen ISD desires to honor and recognize students who have attained high academic achievement through self-discipline, determination, and hard work.

Class Rank System: The following provisions address the District’s Class Ranking System used for purposes of declaring local honors as well as for reprint purposes in accordance with state law. Class ranks shall be calculated by the District as follows:

9th Grade Freshman 0 - 5.5 Credits		10th Grade Sophomore 6.0 – 12.5 Credits		11th Grade Junior 13.0 – 19.5 Credits		12th Grade Senior 20.0 – 26.0+ Credits	
Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 3	Sem 4	Sem 5	Sem 6	Sem 7	Sem 8
		End of 9th grade – 2 semester GPA/RIC calculated in October (Fall semester for those students who have earned a minimum of 6.0 credits through August 31, 2019).		End of 10th grade – 4 semester GPA/RIC calculated in September (Fall semester for students who have earned a minimum of 13 credits as of August 31, 2019).		End of 11th grade – 6 semester Official GPA/RIC Release 2 of 2 calculated in September (Fall semester for students who have earned a minimum of 20 credits as of September 2019).	
				End of 11th grade – 6 semester Preliminary Official GPA/RIC Release 1 of 2 calculated in June for students who are classified as an 11 th grader at the end of Spring semester.		Midterm 12th grade – 7 semester Official GPA/RIC calculated in January for students who have earned a minimum of 20 credits through December 31, 2019.	
Final GPA/RIC for graduating Seniors – Official certification of Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Top 10% calculated after 5th Six weeks of the current Academic Year (8th semester).							

- **Why does McAllen ISD release two official End of 11th Grade 6th semester GPA/RICs?**
 1. In response to community requests;
 2. Applytexas.org opens on July 1 and students who qualify for Automatic Admission and have their class rank and SAT/ACT scores can complete the application for Early Admission;
 3. Universities with limited seats in competitive majors may close admission early;
 4. For on-campus housing, some universities require either a complete application up to full admittance before allowing students a spot in the on campus housing facilities;
 5. Some scholarship deadlines are earlier than university deadlines;
 6. Other districts across Texas are offering earlier official sixth semester ranks. Thus, for McAllen ISD students to remain competitive, the ranks must be released earlier to allow them to compete for limited slots.

- **When will End of 11th Grade 6th semester Preliminary Official GPA/Rank in Class Release 1 of 2 occur?**

Approximately the end of June. This is the official rank until it is replaced by the 2nd Release in September.

- **When will End of 11th Grade 6th semester Official GPA/Rank in Class Release 2 of 2 occur?**

Approximately the middle of September. As with all class ranking releases, this release supersedes all previous releases.

- **Will a student's two ranks be identical?**

Unlikely. Here are some possible reasons why the two ranks will not be identical:

1. Student academic work in the summer may result in changes;
2. Students who withdraw during the summer are not included in the September Release 2 of 2 Rank, but were included in the June Release 1 of 2 Rank;
3. Students who enroll in August/September are included in the September Release 2 of 2 Rank but were not included in the June Release 1 of 2 Rank.

- **Will a student be able to “pick and choose” which of the two End of 11th Grade (6th semester Official GPA/Rank in Class Release 1 or Release 2?**

With the release of the September Release 2 of 2 Rank, the June rank will no longer be applicable since it has been replaced by the September Release 2 of 2 Rank. The universities must decide which rank is acceptable.

- **May a student send both of the End of 11th Grade (6th semester Official GPA/Rank in Class Release 1 and Release 2?**

While McAllen ISD is providing the class ranks, the district does not dictate to universities. Any questions as to which rank can or must be used is determined by the university.

- **Must a student who has sent the June Release 1 of 2 Rank also send in the September Release 2 of 2 Rank if it is lower than the June Release 1 of 2 Rank?**

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- **Which students should send the June Release 1 of 2 Rank?**

This is a personal decision the student/parent/guardian should make. Here is information to help make a decision:

1. Students who are in the top ten percent (10%) of their class will be automatically admitted into all public colleges and universities in Texas except for the University of Texas at Austin;
 2. Students who are in the top six percent (6%) of their class and are 2020 graduates will be automatically admitted into the University of Texas at Austin;
 3. There is no guarantee that a student's rank will improve from June to September.
- **How will this information be given to students and parents/guardians?**
 1. Counselors will conduct Junior conferences 2018-2019 to explain the two ranks;
 2. This FAQ document will be posted on the District and Campus websites, as well as shared via Skyward.