

CLASS RANKINGS

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CLASS RANKING PHILOSOPHY:

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

McAllen ISD Board Policy – EIC Local (Academic Achievement – Class Ranking)

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank only grades earned in grades 9–12 for high school credit and only in certain courses in the following subjects, as listed in the curriculum bulletin: English, mathematics, science, and social studies, except as excluded in this policy. Failing grades in these courses shall also be included.

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

- **End of 9th grade – 2 semester GPA/RIC (rank in class)** calculated and released no later than October 21, 2019 for those students who have earned a minimum of 6.0 credits through Aug. 31, 2019.
- **End of 10th grade – 4 semester GPA/RIC (rank in class)** calculated and released no later than September 23, 2019 for students who have earned a minimum of 13 credits as of Aug. 31, 2019.
- **End of 11th grade – 6 semester Official GPA/RIC (rank in class) Release 1 of 2** calculated and released no later than June 30, 2019 for students who are classified as an 11th grader as of May 31, 2019. This will be the official ranking until the Release 2 of 2 is calculated and released no later than September 9, 2019.
- **End of 11th grade – 6 semester Official GPA/RIC (rank in class) Release 2 of 2** calculated and released no later than September 9, 2019 for students who have earned a minimum of 20 credits as of August 30, 2019.
- **Midterm 12th grade – 7 semester Official GPA/RIC (rank in class)** calculated and released no later than January 27, 2020 for students who have earned a minimum of 20 credits through Jan. 20, 2020.
- **Final GPA/RIC** (for graduating Seniors) – Official certification of Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Top 10% calculated after 5th Six weeks of the current Academic Year. The average of the fourth and fifth six-week grades shall be given two-thirds the weight of a semester grade for this purpose.

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9 th Grade - Freshman 0 - 5.5 Credits		10 th Grade - Sophomore 6.0 – 12.5 Credits		11 th Grade - Junior 13.0 – 19.5 Credits		12 th 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 and released no later than October 21, 2019 (Fall semester for those students who have earned a minimum of 6.0 credits through end of previous academic year.	End of 10th grade	4 semester GPA/RIC calculated and released no later than September 23, 2019 (Fall semester for students who have earned a minimum of 13 credits through end of previous academic year.	End of 11th grade 6 semester GPA/RIC Release 1 of 2 calculated and released no later than June 30, 2019 for students who are classified as an 11 th grader at the end of Spring semester.	6 semester GPA/RIC Release 2 of 2 calculated and released no later than September 9, 2019 (Fall semester for students who have earned a minimum of 20 credits through end of previous academic year.	Midterm 12th grade – 7 semester Official GPA/RIC calculated and released no later than January 20, 2020 for students who have earned a minimum of 20 credits through end of fall semester. End of Grading Period 5 – Final GPA/RIC for Top 10% Graduating Seniors Valedictorian and Salutatorian determined

FAQ – End of 11th Grade 6th Semester Official GPA/RIC (Rank in Class) Release 1 of 2 and Release 2 of 2 **Effective 2018-2019**

- **Why does McAllen ISD release two official End of 11th Grade 6th semester GPA/RICs?**

1. Prior to 2018 – 2019, ranks were released to 11th graders in the spring of their as a 5 Semester Official GPA/RIC (Rank in Class)
2. Applytexas.org opens on July 1 and students who have their class rank can complete the application for Early Enrollment for Automatic Admission; however having only 1 release would mean that the first available rank would be no later than September 9, 2019;
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 a 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 student's 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 Official GPA/Rank in Class Release 1 of 2 be?**

The Release 1 of 2 Rank will be available no later than June 30, 2019. This is the official rank until it is replaced by the Release 2 of 2 no later than September 9, 2019.

The Release 1 of 2 Rank can be picked up at the school no later than June 13, 2019 when it is available, and it will be mailed home on June 17, 2019.

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

The Release 2 of 2 will be calculated and released no later than September 9, 2019. As with all class ranking releases, this release supersedes all previous releases.

- **Will a student's Release 1 of 2 and Release 2 of 2 be identical?**

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

1. Courses completed in summer 2019 from summer school and South Texas College Dual Enrollment Academies courses that are part of the degree plan will be calculated in the September Release 2 of 2 Rank but not in the June Release 1 of 2 Rank.
2. Students who moved during the summer to other schools are not included in the September Release 2 of 2 Rank, but were included in the June Release 1 of 2 Rank.
3. New students enroll in August/September and are included in the September Release 2 of 2 Rank but were not included in the June Release 1 of 2 Rank.

FAQ – End of 11th Grade 6th Semester Official GPA/RIC (Rank in Class) Release 1 of 2 and Release 2 of 2
Effective 2018-2019

- **Will a student be able to choose which End of 11th Grade (6 semester Official GPA/Rank with Class Release 1 or Release 2) to use?**

With the release of the September Release 2 of 2 Rank, the June Release 1 of 2 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 (6 semester Official GPA/Rank with 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 that the student is applying for admission.

- **Must a student who has sent the June Release 1 of 2 Rank also send 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 to 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 website;
3. This FAQ document will be mailed to the parents of Juniors 2018-2019 (9th grade cohort 2016 - 2017).