

A photograph of three young students of diverse backgrounds smiling at the camera. On the left is a young boy with short dark hair wearing a blue plaid shirt. In the center is a young girl with dark hair in pigtails with blue bows, wearing a purple top. On the right is a young girl wearing a beige hijab and a dark blue top. They are all smiling warmly. The background is a blurred library with bookshelves. A semi-transparent dark blue banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title text.

GPA and Class Ranking: To Rank Or Not to Rank?

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A young woman with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a green sweater with white stripes on the sleeves, is smiling and raising her right hand in a classroom setting. Other students are blurred in the background.

In the chat, tell us:

- Your student's grade
- The school your student attends
- One wish you have for your student

Agenda

- **Class Rank Policy**
- **Class Rank Computation**
- **Class Rank Importance in the College Admissions Process**
- **To Report or not to report?**

Class Rank Policy

“The class rank for a graduating student shall not be officially reported on the student’s transcript, with the exception of a student in the top ten percent of the class as required by law, unless the student requests in writing on or before October 15 of each school year to have his or her class rank reported.”

What are colleges and universities looking for in their applicants?



Academic Achievement



**Many schools are now test optional.*

Personal Achievement



High School Transcript and Grade Point Average

- **Weighted 6.0 Scale**
- **Weighted grade points are added to one course in each of the four core curricular areas only**
- **GPA is determined by dividing the total grade points by the number of semester courses**
- **Only courses taken during the school day on campus will be counted for GPA purposes, unless a course was repeated due to failure**

Schools Awarding Credit

2018 101920003/101920003
 2021 101920003/101920003

2016 101920043/101920043
 2019 101920003/101920003

2017 101920043/101920043
 2020 101920003/101920003

	SM1	SM2	AVG	CR		SM1	SM2	AVG	CR
LANGUAGE ARTS					17/18 SPAN 3:Q	90	91		1.00
17/18 ENG 1:Q	91	90		1.00	FINE ARTS				
18/19 ENG 2:Q	93	90		1.00	17/18 TH1	98	99		1.00
19/20 APENGLAN:P	85	MS		1.00	18/19 DANCE 1	96	96		1.00
20/21 APENGLIT:P	75	73		1.00	TECH APPLICATIONS				
MATHEMATICS					19/20 TACS1	99	MS		1.00
16/17 ALG 1:J	84	91		1.00	CAREER/TECH ED				
17/18 GEOM:Q	95	91		1.00	18/19 IED	98	98		1.00
18/19 ALG 2:Q	93	86		1.00	19/20 BUSIM1	97	MS		1.00
19/20 PRE CALC:Q	87	MS		1.00	19/20 ENGSCIEN	92	MS		1.00
20/21 INSTMTH2	94	90		1.00	20/21 PRINARC	95			1.00
SCIENCE					20/21 ARCHDSN1		95		1.00
17/18 BIO:Q	98	96		1.00	OTHER ELECTIVES				
18/19 ANATPHYS	94	95		1.00	17/18 PATHCC1	100	100		1.00
18/19 CHEM:Q	95	92		1.00	18/19 PATHCC2	100	100		1.00
19/20 AP-CHEM:P	80	MS		1.00	19/20 PATHCC3	100	MS		1.00
20/21 AP-ENVIR:P	93	90		1.00					
20/21 APPHYS1:P	81	86		1.00					
SOCIAL STUDIES									
17/18 W GEO:Q	100	94		1.00					
18/19 W HIST:Q	96	92		1.00					
19/20 APUSHIST:P	75	MS		1.00					
20/21 APUSGOVT:P	90			.50					
ECON/FREE ENT									
20/21 APMACECO:P		80		.50					
HEALTH									
16/17 HLTH ED:J	92			.50					
P.E./EQUIVALENT									
17/18 SUBATH1	100	100		1.00					
OTHER LANGUAGE									
15/16 SPAN 1:J	98	94		1.00					
16/17 SPAN 2:J	96	92		1.00					

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Credit Totals: State 34.50 Local .00

Date of Class Rank: 01/28/2021
 Rank: [REDACTED] Class Size: 486
 GPA: 6.2979
 Quartile: 1
 FHSP Speech Req Met Date: 05/21/2021
 Peace Officer Interact Met Date:
 Date Printed: 09/03/2021

Texas Grant Academic Indicator:
 Date of Certificate:
 Date of Graduation : 05/26/2021
 Graduation Program Type:
 CPR Instruction Met Date:

Advanced Measures:
 Distinguish Lvl of Achievement (Completed)



High School Transcript and Grade Point Average

Letter grade	Standard level classes	AAC, AP, IB, and Dual Credit classes in the 4 core areas
A- 90-100	6	7
B- 80-89	5	6
C- 75-79	4	5
D- 70-74	3	4
F- below 70	0	0

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Every Child

High School Transcript and Grade Point Average

Course	Grade	Point Value
English I AAC	85	6
Biology AAC	75	5
AP Human Geography	90	7
Geometry AAC	79	5
Spanish III AAC	85	5
Team Sports	98	6
Art I	88	5
	Divide by 7:	GPA- 5.5714

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Class Rank and Texas Universities



University of Texas- Austin

From the UT Admissions Website:

If your high school does not rank students, include a statement from your school describing its policy, a copy of your school's profile and a GPA or grade distribution report.

**Automatic Admission: Top 6%
of the graduating class**



Texas A&M University

From the TAMU Website:

If a rank is not provided by the high school for students to enter in their Self-Reported Academic Record, a rank will be assigned.



University of Houston

From the UH Admissions Website:

We recognize some applicants attend non-traditional or non-ranking schools who do not provide a class rank. Applicants without a class rank will still be considered for admissions by individual review.

In lieu of a class rank, a statement of rank provided by a school administrator is sufficient. The statement of rank should include a student's name, UH ID and a confirmation as to whether the student would fall in the top 10 percent, top 20 percent, etc., of their respective graduating class.



University of Houston

With Test Score

Class Rank	SAT or	ACT	Admission Type
Top 10%	No Minimum	No Minimum	Assured Admission
11 - 25%	1080	21	Assured Admission
26 - 50% or No Rank	1170	24	Assured Admission
51% and Lower	—	—	Individual Review*

Without Test Score

Class Rank	Calculated Unweighted GPA**	Admission Type
Top 10%	No Minimum	Assured Admission
11 - 25%	3.40 or higher	Assured Admission
	lower than 3.40	Individual Review*
26 - 50% or No Rank	3.45 or higher	Assured Admission
	lower than 3.45	Individual Review*
51% and Lower	—	Individual Review*

University of Texas- San Antonio

Rank	SAT	ACT
1 st Quarter	Guaranteed Admission	Guaranteed Admission
2 nd Quarter	1170 (must have at least 980 for consideration)	24 (must have at least 19 for consideration)
3 rd Quarter	Committee Review- must have at least 1080 for consideration	Committee Review- must have at least 21 for consideration
4 th Quarter	Committee Review- must have at least 1170 for consideration	Committee Review- must have at least 24 for consideration

**On the UTSA Website: For applicants whose high school transcript does not present a rank, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions will assign a rank. UTSA is test optional- but if no testing on file, will consider GPA, rank, essays, and recommendation letters.*

Texas State University

Assured Admission Criteria:

Class Rank	ACT	SAT
Top 10%	No minimum score	No minimum score
1st quartile	20	1000
2nd quartile	22	1090
3rd quartile	26	1250
4th quartile	29	1330

**From the Texas State Website: Applicants from non-ranking schools will be reviewed individually and will be assigned a class rank based on the academic transcript. Because ACT/SAT test scores are not required, applicants ranked in the top 75% of their graduating class will be reviewed holistically if no test score is submitted.*

Class Rank and Out of State Colleges/Universities



University of Oklahoma

From the OU Admissions Website:

The Primary factor in OU's first year admission decisions is demonstrated academic achievement. The academic review focuses on three criteria:

- ❖ Grade Point Average in core academic courses
- ❖ Rigor of course selection
- ❖ ACT and/or SAT scores (encouraged)



Louisiana State University

From the LSU Admissions Website:

- ❖ Holistic Review
- ❖ High School Course Requirements
- ❖ 80% of admitted students are in the top half of their high school class



University of Alabama

From the University of Alabama Admissions Website:

Academic components considered in admission include:

- ❖ **High School Grade Point Average**
- ❖ **Performance in Core Subjects**
- ❖ **Academic Honors**
- ❖ **Standardized test scores, should a student**
- ❖ **elect to submit them.**



Class Rank and Private Colleges/Universities



Baylor University

From the Baylor University Admissions Website:

Your transcript should indicate your senior coursework and that you are on track to complete all high school requirements for graduation.

In reviewing applications, we are looking for students who have challenged themselves while in high school and are prepared for the college classroom.



Trinity University

From the Trinity University Admissions Website:

- ❖ A student's grade point average, the rigor of their courses, and the diversity of their curriculum are all important considerations for admission.
- ❖ Particular notice is given to those who take Advanced Placement, or International Baccalaureate courses, if their school offers them.
- ❖ The Office of Admissions recalculates each applicant's GPA using a standardized unweighted scale.



TRINITY UNIVERSITY

What about scholarships?

Students who do not report rank on their transcripts but are applying to private scholarships requiring class rank may request documentation from the school registrar.



Things to Consider:

- Know where your student is applying before making the class rank decision.
- Research the schools' policies regarding class ranking, testing, etc.
- Generally, out of state and private schools do not use rank in admissions decision- but research.
- The decision to report rank or not to report rank is binding and impacts every transcript once the decision is made.
- There is no blanket decision based on class rank.

Questions?

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