

ACISD Handbook Amendments 2009-2010

I. GPAs for Class Rank

The following information replaces the bottom half of page 17 in the handbook in an attempt to clarify class rank issues and provide a more fair system of ranking for our students.

This change takes effect with the 2009-2010 school year and applies to all students in grades 9-12.

The following will be used in the calculation of GPAs for class rank.

- ENGLISH: Highest eight semester grades selected from English 1, English 2, English 3, English 4, Pre-AP English 1, Pre-AP English 2, AP English Language and Composition (AP Eng 3), and AP English Literature and Composition (AP Eng 4)
- MATH: Highest eight semester grades selected from Algebra 1, Geometry, Math Models, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB, and AP Calculus BC.
- SCIENCE: Highest eight semester grades selected from Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC), Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.
- SOCIAL STUDIES AND ECONOMICS: Highest eight semesters selected from US History, World History, World Geography, Government, AP Government, Economics, and AP Economics.
- HEALTH AND SPEECH
- FINE ARTS: Highest two semester grades from any fine arts class.
- FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Spanish 1, Spanish 2, and Spanish 3
- TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS: Highest two semester grades selected from BCIS 1, BCIS 2, Computer Science 1, Computer Science 2, any video technology class, Multimedia, any yearbook class, and any newspaper class.

The following courses will be weighted: Any AP or Pre-AP course, Pre-Calculus, Physics*, Computer Science 2, Spanish 3, and Dual Credit Courses approved by the principal that can substitute for any of the courses listed above.

Special Note: Advanced courses not listed with the above courses may be weighted and used to calculate GPAs provided they are taken while the student attends ACHS. An example would be a state-approved Independent Study in one of the subject areas above.

Clarification: High school level courses taken in junior high are included in the class rank calculation provided they meet the requirements above.

Clarification: Accounting courses have been removed from the ranking GPA course list. However, accounting courses taken before the current school year will be included only for seniors 2009-2010.

*Because of 4X4 graduation requirements, physics will be weighted for the last time and for seniors only in 2009-2010. Beginning in school year 2010-2011, it will no longer be weighted.

II. House Bill 3

Archer City ISD will retain a local policy to require that students have 1.5 credits in physical education, 1.0 credit in technology applications, and .5 credit in health. Although House Bill 3 allows schools to be flexible with the recommended plan, it is our decision that students will continue to benefit from these requirements.

III. Exception to the Number of Credits Required for Graduation

Students who graduate high school at Archer City ISD are required to have at least 26 credits. There are two exceptions:

1. Any student who is coded At-Risk, according to PEIMS, may graduate with the State minimum of 22 credits.
2. Any student who moves in from another district and is on track to graduate on the State minimum plan may graduate according to the following scale:
 - a. 3 years attending Archer City High School=25 credits for graduation
 - b. 2 years attending Archer City High School=24 credits for graduation
 - c. 1 year attending Archer City High School=23 credits for graduation