



Changes to the Katy ISD Grading Policy Frequently Asked Questions

How does the removal of the “D” from Katy ISD’s grading scale benefit students?

Katy ISD removed the “D” from the grading scale beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. The removal of the “D” from the grading scale benefits students by aligning the district grading scale with other school districts in the state, thus allowing Katy ISD students to be competitive in college admissions and scholarship application processes.

There is no change in the calculation of GPA for current sophomores, juniors and seniors, while GPA has yet to be calculated for the 2019-20 freshman class.

Below are charts outlining the grading scale changes.

Current Seniors and Juniors, Classes of 2020 and 2021

Course	90-100 A	80-89 B	75-79 C	70-74 C-	69 and Below F
Advanced	5	4	3	2	0
Dual Credit	4	3	2	1	0
Academic	4	3	2	1	0

Sophomores, Class of 2022

Course	90-100 A	80-89 B	75-79 C	70-74 C-	69 and Below F
Advanced	5	4	3	2	0
Dual Credit	4.5	3.5	2.5	1.5	0
Academic	4	3	2	1	0

Freshmen, Class of 2023 and thereafter

Course	90-100 A	80-89 B	70-79 C	69 and Below F
Advanced	5	4	3	0
Dual Credit	4.5	3.5	2.5	0
Academic	4	3	2	0

- Current Seniors, Class of 2020
 - There will be a change of alphabetic identification from D to C-.
 - There will be no changes to reporting class rank for class of 2020 seniors. Students in the Class of 2020 were provided an official class rank in the spring semester of their junior year.

- Current Juniors & Sophomores, Classes of 2021 & 2022
 - There will be a change of alphabetic identification from D to C-.
 - Students in the top 10% will be provided their numeric class rank in the spring semester of their junior year.
 - Transcripts will include the numeric class rank only for students in the top 10%.
 - Students beyond the top 10% will be provided their quartile rank in the spring semester of their junior year.
 - Transcripts will include quartile rank for students in the 1st (top 25%), 2nd (top 50%) and 3rd (top 75%) quartiles of their class.
 - Transcripts for 4th quartile students will not include a quartile rank.

- Current Freshmen, Class of 2023 & thereafter
 - The alphabetic identification for scores 70-79 is a C.
 - Students in the top 10% will be provided their numeric class rank in the spring semester of their junior year.
 - Transcripts will include the numeric class rank only for students in the top 10%.
 - Students beyond the top 10% will be provided their quartile rank in the spring semester of their junior year.
 - Transcripts will include quartile rank for students in the 1st (top 25%), 2nd (top 50%) and 3rd (top 75%) quartiles of their class.
 - Transcripts for 4th quartile students will not include a quartile rank.

When will my 9th, 10th or 11th grade child receive their first official GPA and Rank?

- GPA is calculated in the spring semester of the ninth grade year.
- Official ranking, including numeric class rank for the top 10% and quartile ranking is first calculated in the spring semester of the student's junior year and each semester thereafter.
- Official transcripts, including the numeric class rank for the top 10% or quartile ranking, are released upon request beginning in the spring semester of the student's junior year.
- Unofficial transcripts can be requested at any time; however, those released prior to the official calculation in the spring of the junior year will not include any rank information.

What are the benefits of quartile ranking?

- Quartile ranking acknowledges student achievement without specifically identifying each student's rank within the quartile.
- Quartile ranking is consistent with most Texas public colleges' assured admissions policies in combination with SAT/ACT scores.
- Quartile ranking is intended to reduce unhealthy competition, stress and pressure on students.
- Quartile ranking is intended to encourage continued participation in extra/co-curricular activities aligned with student interest.

Why will Katy ISD calculate and report class rank to students in the top 10%?

- State law requires ranking students in the top 10% of their graduating class.

Why will Katy ISD calculate and report quartile rank to students in the top 3 quartiles?

- Quartile ranking aligns with assured admissions practices used by many colleges and universities. These practices ensure admission to a specific state public college based on a combination of the student's quartile ranking and their SAT/ACT scores. Please refer to attached assured admissions chart.

How does ranking impact admission to a private college?

- Uniform admissions are not applicable to private colleges because they set their own admissions criteria.

Does the Common Application have an option to include rank or quartile?

- Top 10% students have the option of reporting numeric class rank.
- All students have the option of reporting quartile rank.

Does the Apply Texas application have an option to include rank or quartile?

- No, Apply Texas does not include the option for reporting class rank.