## The TxEIS "How To" Guide Series



## TxEIS Grade Reporting

# How to: <br> RUN GRADE AVERAGING AND CLASS RANKING 

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## Overview

The TxEIS Grade Reporting application provides tools for performing grade averaging and class ranking.

The grade averaging and class ranking process determines a student's cumulative grade average and rank, which also determines the valedictorian and the salutatorian for the campus, as well as the students graduating in the top $10 \%$ of the class.

Because TEA provides no specific guidelines for class ranking, the process can vary greatly between districts. The district's GPA policy should be outlined in the student handbook or a similar publication.

## Prerequisites

- This guide assumes you are familiar with the basic features of the TxEIS Student system and have reviewed the TxEIS Student Overview guide.
- This guide is based on TxEIS version 2.0.0005.


## Checklist Overview

Set campus-level grade reporting options.
Set up and verify grade averaging tables:
$\square$ Course type (i.e., GA table)
$\square$ Numeric grade averaging
$\square$ Grade point grade averaging
$\square$ Set up and verify courses in the district master schedule.Enter and verify student exceptions.Add prior year course data for transfer and summer school students.Run the Grade Averaging and Class Ranking utility.
$\square$ Verify the student records.
$\square$ Run the Cumulative Grade Averaging and Class Ranking utility.

## Set Campus Options

Before proceeding, ensure that campus options are set correctly for the current school year.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options > Ranges \& Conversions


■ In the Highest Cycle Grade Allowed, type the highest cycle grade allowed.

## IMPORTANT!

If you allow a cycle grade higher than 100, this field must reflect that.
■ The Lowest Cycle Grade Allowed must be set to 000, as mandated by the state.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options > H Roll \& Gr Avg


Below Grade Averaging Information, set the fields according to the district and campus policy.

- In the Grds Used for Grade Avg field, type the code indicating which grades are used for calculating grade average and glass rank.
- C-Cycle grades
- F - Final grades
- S - Semester grades

Most high school campuses use option S.

- In the Low Grade For Average field, type the lowest numeric grade that is considered during grade averaging. This is the lowest grade a student can receive to be used in the grade average calculations. If a student's grade is lower than this grade, the Grade Averaging and Class Ranking utility will use this grade as the student's grade. For example, if this field is set to 50 , and the student receives a grade of 45 , the utility will use 50 for the student's grade.
Most campuses set this field to 50 or 00.
- In the College 4pt Scale field, indicate if you want to use four-point grade averaging for grade average calculations and reports, and if you want to include or exclude zeroweight courses. This is often referred to as the College Grade Point Average. If used, the student's grades are converted according to the Ranges and Conversions tab.
- Most high school campuses use the 4-point scale.
- Some colleges require grades that do not include zero-weighted courses.


## 4-point Scale Example:

The Ranges and Conversions tab values are set as follows:


The following points are awarded:

| Grade Ranges | Points Awarded |
| :--- | :--- |
| A: $100-090$ | 4.0 |
| B: $089-080$ | 3.0 |
| C:079-075 | 2.0 |
| D: $074-070$ | 1.0 |
| F: $069-000$ | 0.0 |

These are sample grade conversions for a student's un-weighted 4-point average using semester 1 grades:

| Semester $\mathbf{1}$ Grades | Points Awarded |
| :--- | :--- |
| 92 | 4.0 |
| 89 | 3.0 |
| 77 | 2.0 |
| 74 | 1.0 |
| 65 | 0.0 |
| 95 | 4.0 |
| 80 | 3.0 |
| \# Courses = 7 | Total Points $=\mathbf{1 7}$ |

The student's un-weighted 4-point average is calculated as follows:
Total Grade Points / Number of Courses $=17 / 7=2.4$

- In the Nbr of Decimal Points field, type the number of decimal places to the right of the decimal point used for the computed grade averages. The decimal places can be set from 1 to 5 .

Many campuses set this field to 5 .
■ Select Incl Wdrawn Stu in Avg if you want to include withdrawn students in grade averaging.

Normally, withdrawn students are not included.

- Select Incl Wdrawn Stu in Rank if you want to include withdrawn students in ranking. Normally, withdrawn students are not included in the rank.
- In the Incl Wd Crs in Rank field, indicate how a student's withdrawn courses should be handled:
- A - Include withdrawn courses in calculations.
- G - Include withdrawn courses if there is a grade for the course.
- N - Do not include withdrawn courses.

Normally, withdrawn courses are not included (option N).

## NOTE:

Withdrawn self-paced courses with a semester grade are included, regardless of this field, if they are eligible courses.

- Click Save.


## Set Up Grade Averaging Tables

Ensure that grade averaging tables are set up correctly.
Course Type (GA Table)

## Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Course Type



The Course Type page allows you to set up district-wide descriptions for numeric and grade point course types using codes 0-9 and A-Z, such as Regular, Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, Dual Credit, etc. This can also be used at middle schools for Credit Level H.

The default Description for each code is User Defined. Type over User Defined with a new description as needed, and click Save.

Examples of common code descriptions:
■ 2-Dual credit

- H-Honors

■ J-High school credit course taken in middle school

- P-AP
- Q-Pre-AP

■ R-Regular

Setting up the Course Type table is optional. If used, these descriptions are displayed in the following locations:

- GA Table drop-down field on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Master Schedule > District Schedule, which allows you to assign a grade averaging type to the course.
- GPA Override drop-down field on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Student > Individual Maint > Grd Crs Maint, which allows you to assign a grade averaging type to a course for a specific student.


## Numeric Grade Averaging

Any codes set up in the Course Type table must be entered in the Numeric Grade Average Operator/Value table if any courses in the district master schedule use that course type (i.e., the GA Table field on Maintenance $>$ Master Schedule > District Schedule is set to the code).

The Numeric Grade Average Operator/Value table specifies adjustments (i.e., weights) that will be applied to the student's grade according to the grade average type code used for the course.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Grade Reporting Tables > Num Grade Avg Operator/Value


- In the Type Code field, select the course type. The drop-down list displays the types specified in the Course Types table in the previous step. The type code determines the weight (if any) which will be applied to the student's grade when numeric grade averaging is calculated.
- In the Operator field, select the mathematical operation to be applied to the grades.
- In the Value field, type the number of points to be applied using the operator selected during grade averaging calculations. The value must be numeric.
- In the Low Grade field, type the lowest grade a student can receive and still have the adjustment applied to the grade.
■ In the High Grade field, type the highest grade a student can receive and still have the adjustment applied to the grade.


## IMPORTANT!

The High Grade field must match the value entered in the Highest Cycle Grade Allowed field on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options > Ranges \& Conversions.

Examples:

| Course Type | Operator | Value | Grade | Calculation | Weighted Grade |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dual Credit | \%+- PERCENT PLUS OPERATOR | 10 | 85 | $85 \times .10=8.5$ <br> $85+8.5$ | $=93.5$ |
| Modified <br> Coursework | \%- - PERCENT MINUS OPERATOR | 5 | 85 | $85 \times .05=4.25$ <br> $85-4.25$ | $=80.75$ |

The operator's calculation may produce a decimal place in the weighted grade which is not rounded up or down. The decimal place is used in calculating the student's current year grade point average.

## NOTE:

If no weight will be applied to a course, such as a Regular, the Operator field must be set to + ADD OPERATOR, and the Value field must be set to 0 . These settings will include the course in grade averaging and use the student's grade at face value.

## Different Weights for Different Grades:

The Numeric Grade Average Operator/Value table allows different grade ranges to have different weights applied within the same course type.

Example:

| Course Type | Operator | Value | Low Grade | High Grade |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Honors | \%+ - PERCENT PLUS OPERATOR | 10 | 090 | 100 |
| Honors | $\%+-$ PERCENT PLUS OPERATOR | 5 | 075 | 089 |

## NOTE:

If a gap exists between grades, and a student has a cycle grade that falls in the gap, the student's grade is calculated at face value. No points are added or subtracted.

## Failing Grades:

Failing grades are processed differently in numeric grade averaging than in grade point grade averaging. Numeric grade averaging uses the grade at face value if it falls outside the high or low grade range. In grade point grade averaging, the grade must be listed in the Grade Point Grade Averaging table, with a grade other than zero, to be included in the average.

Example:
If the Low Grade field in the Numeric Grade Average Operator/Value table is set to 070, and the student's grade is 65 , the student will not receive the weighted value for the course. Instead, the student's grade of 65 is used in calculating the GPA.

## NOTE:

If the Low Grade For Average field on Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options $>$ H Roll \& Gr Avg is set to 50, and the student's grade is below 50, the grade is adjusted to 50 .

## Blank, Incomplete, and No Grade:

Grades that are blank, incomplete (I), and no grade (N/G) are adjusted to zero in grade averaging calculations, and the course is counted in the student's total number of courses.

## Running Both Numeric and Grade Point Grade Averaging:

A district can choose to use numeric grade averaging with no weights applied to calculate the student's true numeric average, and then use grade point grade averaging to weight the courses and rank the students. In this case, the Numeric Grade Average Operator table must include all Course Type codes used at each campus entered with the Operator field set to + ADD OPERATOR, and the Value field set to 0 . Then, the Grade Point tables are used to weight the grades and used to rank the students.

## NOTE:

If you are running both numeric and grade point grade averaging, you must run grade point grade averaging last. Each time grade averaging is run, the program overwrites the student's existing current year rank.

## Grade Point Grade Averaging

Any codes set up in the Course Type table must have values entered on the Grade Averaging Table tab if any courses in the district master schedule use that course type (i.e., the GA Table field on Maintenance $>$ Master Schedule > District Schedule is set to the code).

You cannot combine numeric and grade points in the Grade Averaging table; you must use one or the other.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Grade Reporting Tables > Grade Average Table


1. In the Table Type field, select the course type. The drop-down list displays the types specified in the Course Types table in the previous step.
2. To insert one blank row, click + Add. A blank row is displayed in the grid. Or, to insert ten blank rows, click + Add 10, and ten blank rows are displayed in the grid.
3. In the Grade fields, type each numeric course grade to be adjusted.

## WARNING!

» You must enter every numeric grade from the high grade to the lowest grade for the table type. If a gap exists, the student's grade will be calculated as zero if it corresponds to the missing grade.
» If the Highest Cycle Grade Allowed field on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options > Ranges \& Conversions is set to a value higher than 100, this table must include grades up to the highest grade allowed. Otherwise, a student's grade will be calculated as zero if it is not included in the table.
4. In the Points fields, type either the grade point or numeric grade that corresponds to the course grade when calculating grade averaging. The field can be up to five digits with three whole numbers and two decimal places.

You can use either all grade points or all modified grades, but not a mixture of both.

| Grade Points |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Grade | Points |
| 100 | 5.00 |
| 099 | 4.90 |
| 098 | 4.80 |
| 097 | 4.70 |

and so on

| Numeric Grades |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Grade | Points |
| 100 | 105 |
| 099 | 104 |
| 098 | 103 |
| 097 | 102 |
| and so on |  |

and so on

You can adjust each grade by a different amount.
Example:
You could add 10 points for grades $90-100$, but only add 7 points for grades 80-89, as follows:

| Grade | Points | Adjusted Grade |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 100 | 10.00 | 110 |
| 99 | 10.00 | 109 |
| 98 | 10.00 | 108 |
| 97 | 10.00 | 107 |
| 96 | 10.00 | 106 |
| 95 | 10.00 | 105 |
| 94 | 10.00 | 104 |
| 93 | 10.00 | 103 |
| 92 | 10.00 | 102 |
| 91 | 10.00 | 101 |
| 90 | 10.00 | 100 |
| 89 | 7.00 | 96 |
| 88 | 7.00 | 95 |
| and so on |  |  |

The table can have numeric values; however, when you run the Grade Averaging and Class Ranking utility, you must select Grade Point Grade Averaging for the Process in order to use the Grade Average tables that were set up for this purpose.
5. Click Save.
6. Repeat for the next table type.

## Verify Grade Averaging Tables

Grade averaging and class ranking is only as accurate as the data entered in the grade averaging tables. It is very important to verify that the entries in the tables are correct.

Registration > Reports > Registration Reports > Program > SRG0100 - Campus Information


SRG0100 displays campus control information and table maintenance information from Grade Reporting. Review all applicable data for accuracy and completeness.

## Set Up Courses in District Master Schedule

Grade averaging fields must be properly set for courses in the district master schedule.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Master Schedule > District Schedule


All courses that will be included in grade averaging must have these fields set correctly.
■ Select Graded Crs if the course is graded. Only graded courses are included in grade averaging calculations.

- In the GA Table select the course type table which will be used to adjust the student's grade for the course in grade averaging calculations.


## NOTE:

The default value for a course is $R$ Regular when added to the district master schedule. If $R$ is not the correct grade average table for the course, the field must be updated.

- In the GA Wgt field, type the number of times the course and its grade are counted in grade average calculations.
If one course meets multiple periods, you may want to adjust the weight to the number of times the course meets.

Example:
If a student has seven one-period courses, his course factor is 7 . If a student is in one course that meets three periods, and you enter the weight as 1, this student's course factor is 5 . However, If you enter a weight of 3 for the three-period course, the student's course factor is 7 .

| Three-Period Course with Weight = $\mathbf{3}$ |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Math | 70 |
| English | 70 |
| SS | 70 |
| Science | 70 |
| Ag Mech (3 hrs) | 80 |
|  | 80 |
|  | 80 |
| Total | $\mathbf{5 2 0}$ |
| Total Divided by 7 | $\mathbf{5 2 0} \mathbf{~ / ~}$ |
| Grade Average: |  |
| $\mathbf{7 4 . 2 8 5 7 1 4 3}$ |  |


| Three-Period Course with Weight =1 |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Math | 70 |
| English | 70 |
| SS | 70 |
| Science | 70 |
| Ag Mech (3 hrs) | 80 |
|  |  |
|  | $\mathbf{3 6 0}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 6 0 / 5}$ |
| Total Divided by $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{7 2}$ |

## NOTE:

The weight can also be used to exclude a course from grade averaging. If a course has zero weight, it is excluded. Many campuses exclude PE, Band, Athletics, Office Aide, etc. from grade averaging calculations.

Grade Reporting > Reports > Grade Reporting Reports > Master Schedules > SGR0130 - Master Sched Section \& Grd Rpting Info


Use SGR0130 to verify that all courses in the district master schedule are coded correctly for grade averaging.

## Enter Student Exceptions

If a particular student in a course should have his grade adjusted differently, you can specify a course type (GA table) for the student. This is not commonly used.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance >Student > Individual Maint > Grd/Crs Maint


In the GPA Override field, select the table to be used for the student, course, and semester. If this adjustment applies to both semesters of a two-semester course, update the field for both semesters.

## NOTE:

You can select \& to exclude the student's course and semester from grade averaging.


Grade averaging calculations are prioritized as follows:
If the student's GPA Override field contains a code, the program uses the table specified in this field for the course and student. If the GPA Override field is blank, the program uses the table specified in the GA Table field on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Master Schedule > District Schedule.

## Grade Reporting > Reports > Grade Reporting Reports > Student Verification > SGR2600 - Student Grd/Crs Override Proof List

Use SGR2600 to verify that the GPA Override field is set correctly for applicable students.


## Add Data for Prior Year Courses

The Prior Year Transfer tab allows you to record course information for a transfer student's completed years at other schools, summer school, and correspondence courses.

## Transfer Students

If a student transferred into the district, you can enter data for his courses taken in prior years at another district so they can be printed on the multi-year AAR.

Grade Reporting > Student > Individual Maint > Prior Yr Transfer


The following fields are required for a transfer student:

- In the School Ending Year field, type the ending year of the school year you are entering. The current school year cannot be entered. Only one record per year is allowed.
- In the District ID field, type the county-district number for the campus that issued the grades. If the student transferred from a private or out-of-state school, type your county-district (i.e., because your district is accepting the course grades and credits). TREx accepts only numeric data in this field.
- In the Campus ID field, type the campus number from which the grades were sent. If there is no campus number, type one of the following:
- 001 for a high school campus
- 041 for a middle school campus
- 101 for an elementary school campus

In the lower grid, click +Add to add a course for the prior school year.

- In the Title field, type the local official name of the course. The name will print on the AAR.
- In the Service ID field, type or select the TEA service ID number for the course.
- If you entered a TEA service ID, the Svc ID Desc displays the name. If you entered a local service ID (i.e., starts with 8 or 9), type abbreviated title (i.e., up to ten characters) of the course as listed in the PEIMS Data Standards.
■ In the Svc ID Typ field, select the TEA service ID type that describes the course. This field determines the area on the AAR Transcript in which the course will print.

Example: For the BCIS1 course, you could select VOED if the course should be listed under Career and Tech on the AAR, or select COMP if the course should be listed under Tech Applications.

## NOTE:

If you select a code from the AAR Use field, the course will print in the area indicated by the AAR Use field rather than the area indicated by the Svc ID Typ field.

- In the Sem \# fields for each semester (up to four), type the student's three-digit numeric grade for the semester. You can also type an alpha grade such as NG, I, P, and F.
- Select Exc Abs \# for each semester (up to four) if the student has a passing grade for the semester but too many absences to earn credit.

Example:
If the student's semester 1 grade for Algebra I is 90 , but the student has 14 absences for semester 1, select Exc Abs 1.

- In the GP (graduation plan) Use \# fields for each semester (up to four), select the subject area in which the course should be applied on the student's graduation plan, if other than the course's service ID type.
- In the Grd Avg field, type the student's final average for the course.

■ In the Credits field, type the number of credits earned for the course. The field is two digits with one decimal place (e.g., 0.5), and the decimal is entered automatically (i.e., type 05).
■ In the Local Crs field, type the district-assigned course number if applicable. The field is used on Graduation Plan > Maintenance>District > Graduation Requirements and Graduation Plan > Maintenance $>$ Student $>$ Grade Level Course Detail in conjunction with the service ID to determine if a course should be included in the list of Required Plan Courses on the Grade Level Course Detail tab.

- (Optional) In the Crs Seq field, indicate the sequence of the course, which is not necessarily the actual semester the course was taught. Most districts leave this field blank.
- In the AAR Use field, select the code indicating the area in which the course should be printed on the AAR.


## NOTE:

If you select a code from this field, the course will print in this area on the AAR rather than the area indicated by the Svc ID Typ field.

- In the Spec Crs field, type or select a special course consideration code if applicable.
- In the GA W (grade averaging weight) field, type the number of times the grade for the course should be counted in grade average calculations. The default is 1 . Type 0 if it should be excluded from grade average calculations.
- In the GA Tbl field, if the course type should be a value other than R Regular, type the code for the correct course type (GA table). If the GA table does not exist in the historical campus tables for the year entered, the current year campus grade average tables are used.
- Click +Add again to add the next course. Continue adding courses as needed.

Click Save. If you made any changes to the student's course data, the following message is displayed:


Click Yes to continue. The following message is displayed:


Click OK to continue. The Prior Yr Transfer tab now displays the following fields. You must set these field properly before you can recalculate:


- Select Numeric Grade Averaging, Grade Point Averaging, or both, to indicate which option(s) to use for recalculation.
- The Semester or Final field is selected by default according to the setting of the Grds Used for Grade Avg field on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options > H Roll \& Gr Avg.
■ In the 4 Point Avg field, indicate if you want to recalculate the 4-point average, and whether to include or exclude zero-weighted courses.
- Click Recalculate GPA \& Credit 2015. The grades on the 2015 row are recalculated according to your selections.


## NOTE:

If you only changed credits and did not change any grades, select Recalculate Only Credits to recalculate only the student's credits.

Pay attention to the following messages displayed on the page.

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* Warning. Hand Calculate Grd Avg when Semester Grades Change
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This message is displayed because the Grd Avg column (lower grid) is not automatically recalculated when semester averages change. You must calculate the final grade average by hand and enter it in the Grd Avg field for the course. A red asterisk is displayed next to the Grd Avg field if the semester average has changed.


Warning: Run Cumulative Grd Avg and Class Ranking Utility after Recalculating GPA

This message is displayed to remind you that cumulative grade averaging should also be run after grade average information has been recalculated. If you changed a student's grades, the changes may affect his cumulative grade averaging data on his AAR.

Click Save again.


## Summer School and Correspondance Course Students

If Move to Grade Reporting (MTGR) has already been run, a student's summer school and correspondence course grades must be added on the Prior Year Transfer tab in the current school year. However, because grades will already exist for the year, grade averages cannot be calculated automatically. After you enter course grades on the Prior Yr Transfer tab, you must then update the grade averages on the Grade Avg tab.

Grade Reporting > Student > Individual Maint > Prior Yr Transfer


1. Enter the course data for the prior school year. For example, if the summer school course was completed in the summer after the 2015-2016 school year, the School Ending Year should be 2016.
2. Click Save. A message informs you that GPA and credit cannot be recalculated.
3. Go to the Grade Avg tab.

Grade Reporting > Student > Individual Maint > GradeAvg


You must manually calculate and update the following fields for the prior school year.

1. Under Numeric Avg or Grd Pt Average, or both, (depending on grade averaging used):

- Update the Nbr Crs field as follows:
- If the Grds Used for Grade Avg field on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options > H Roll \& Gr Avg is set to Semester (most common), add the total number of semester grades earned. For example, if the Nbr Crs currently displays 16, and the student earned one semester grade in summer school, add $1 .(16+1=17)$ Update the Nbr Crs field to 17.
- If the Grds Used for Grade Avg field is set to Cycle, add the number of cycle grades earned. Depending on the campus, there may be two or three cycles per semester, so you may need to add 4 or 6 to the total. $(16+6=22)$ Update the Nbr Crs field to 22.
- If the Grds Used for Grade Avg field is set to Final, add 1 because there is one final grade. $(16+1=17)$ Update the Nbr Crs field to 17.
- Update the Total Points field to include the grade earned, including any adjustments based on the Course Type table. For example, if the student earned a grade of 90 for an honors course, and honors courses are adjusted to add 5 points to the grade, add 95 to the Total Points field. If the Total Points currently displays 1264.0000, and the student's adjusted grade for summer school is 95, add $95 .(1264.0000+95=1359)$ Update the Total Points field to 1359.

2. Under 4 Point:

- Update the Nbr Crs total as described previously.
- Update the Total Points as described previously, except use points values as specified in the Grade Conversion Information fields on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options > Ranges \& Conversions. For example, if the Total Points currently displays 38.0 and the student earned a 95, add 4.0 points. $(38.0+4.0=42.0)$ Update the Total Points field to 42.

3. Add any credits the student earned to the Credits field. For example, if the student earned .5 credits in summer school, add .5 to the value in the Credits field.

## Run Grade Averaging \& Class Ranking

The Grade Reporting and Class Ranking utility calculates grade average and class rank for the current year. The process also updates the student grade averaging records, which are maintained on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Student > Individual Maint > Grade Avg.

## IMPORTANT!

For a middle school offering high school credit for any of its courses, the middle school must know which type of grade averaging the high school runs (i.e., grade point or numeric).

The high school and the middle school may run different types of grade averaging; however, when the middle school runs grade averaging for high school courses only, the middle school must select the type of grade averaging used by the high school to rank its students. When running grade averaging for only high school courses taken at the middle school, the utility uses the grade averaging tables from the student's next year high school campus for calculations.

The following reports are generated when the utility is run:

- List of options selected on this and the Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options page
- List of student's grade average by grade level in class rank order
- List of student's grade average information (not sorted in student rank order)
- Error report, if errors are encountered

Grade Reporting > Utilities > Grade Averaging and Class Ranking


■ Be sure the School Year displays the current school year. You cannot run the utility for prior years. Students grade averaging data is stored by year.

- The Campus Control Information section displays settings from the Grade Averaging Information section on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options $>$ H Roll $\&$ Gr Avg. Verify the settings before running the utility.
- Under H.S. Credit LvI Courses for Middle School field, select Yes or No:
- Yes:The utility will include only courses taken for high school credit at the middle school. The H credit level courses taken at the middle school will be the only courses included in the student's grade averaging row, and the row will be marked as credit level H .
- No: The utility will include all courses taken at the middle school campus with credit levels $M$ and $H$ that are eligible for grade averaging. Credit level $M$ courses will be written to the student's grade average row.


## IMPORTANT!

» High school campuses should leave this field set to No.
» Middle school students taking H credit level courses must have a next year campus number assigned before the calculation will run. The next year campus is set using Registration > Utilities > Set NY Campus.
» If the district's class ranking policy does not include high school courses taken at middle school for class ranking, do not select Yes.
» If both M and H records are required in the historical record, you can run the utility first with No selected to create the M grade averaging rows, and then run the utility again with Yes selected to create the H grade averaging rows.

- Under Process, select the grade averaging table:
- Grade Point Grade Averaging: The grade averaging process will use the Grade Averaging tables (i.e., Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Grade Reporting Tables > Grade Averaging Table).
- Numeric Type Grade Averaging: The grade averaging process will use the Numeric Grade Average Operator/Value table (i.e., Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Grade Reporting Tables > Num Grade Avg Operator/ Value).
- Select the semesters or cycles to include. The fields are enabled on this page according to the value in the Grds Used for Grade Avg field on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options > H Roll \& Gr Avg:
- If the Grds Used for Grade Avg field is set to C (cycle), the Sem\#Cyc\# fields are enabled, and the other fields are disabled:


Some middle school campuses use cycle grades to determine the top ten students for the school year.

- If the Grds Used for Grade Avg field is set to S (semester), the Sem\# fields are enabled:

- You cannot select Sem2 unless Sem1 is selected. If you select Sem4, you must select all previous semesters.

ㅁ The Sem3 and Sem4 fields are enabled only at four-semester campuses.

- If the Grds Used for Grade Avg field is set to $F$ (final), all fields are disabled:


■ In the Grade Levels field, select the grade level(s) to be included when you run the utility. You must select at least one grade level.

- To select all grade levels at the campus, click All Grade Levels.
- To select multiple grade levels, press CTRL while clicking the grade levels.

■ In the Track field, select the attendance track to process (required).

- In the Report Sort Order field, indicate the order in which you want to sort the reports produced when the utility is run. The field is optional. The default sort order is grade level.
- Select Print Credit to include the student's course credits awarded for the current year on the report.
- Select Verify Course Entry Dates to evaluate the entry date on each grade/course record before including the course for the student in grade averaging. If the date on the student record is after the end of the cycle or semester selected, the grade is not included in the average and ranking. (Usually, this field is not selected.)
- Select Exclude students from ranking if taking a crs that excludes him from HR to exclude students who are taking a course that excludes them from the honor roll. If selected, the following occurs:
- If the student is taking any course(s) for which the HRoll Cd field is set to $N=$ Excl Stu on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Master Schedule > District Schedule, the student is completely excluded from the grade averaging and class ranking process.
- If the student is taking any course(s) for which the HRoll Cd field is set to $E=E x c l$ Crs on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Master Schedule > District Schedule, those courses are excluded, but the student is still eligible for the grade averaging and class ranking process.
- In the Normal Max field, type a two-digit number which will be used to flag students with excessive courses. If the student's course factor is greater than the number entered in this field, an asterisk $\left(^{*}\right.$ ) prints next to the student's course factor. (This is not common.)
- The If Graduated WD Students are to be included, enter the WD Cd field is always set to 01. This field overrides the Incl Wdrawn Stu in Avg and Incl Wdrawn Stu in Rank fields on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options.
- Click Execute.
- When the utility has completed processing, the Print button is enabled.
- Click Print to view and print the reports. By clicking Print, the grade averaging data is stored in the student's record.

If you close without printing, you are prompted to save changes. Click Yes to save, or click No to not save the data.

Options Selected Report:


Grade Averaging Report Sorted by Grade Level and Class Rank:


Grade Averaging Report Sorted by Name:


Error Report (if applicable):

| Date Run: <br> Sch. Yr.: 2015-2016 <br> Cnty Dist: 015-116 <br> Campus: 001 |  |  | Grade Averaging and Class Ranking Errors | Program ID: | Grd Av |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Student ID | Course |  |  |  | Sec | Error Message |
| 016245 | 00001101 | 03 | Semester grade of blank calculates as zero. |  |  |
| 016245 | 00002101 | 30 | Semester grade of blank calculates as zero. |  |  |
| 016245 | 00003111 | 03 | Semester grade of blank calculates as zero. |  |  |

- A message is displayed on the utility page indicating that grade averaging and class ranking is completed. Click OK to close the message.



## Seniors at High School Campuses:

Most high school campuses run the Grade Averaging and Class Ranking utility at midterm for semester 1 , including seniors, and then run the utility again at the end of the school year for semesters 1 and 2 , excluding seniors.

The high school campuses also run early computations for the seniors.

## IMPORTANT!

Before running Move to Grade Reporting, all grade averaging and class ranking calculations must have been run for the current school year. Do not forget to run the utility at the end of the final semester for grade levels 9-11.

## Early Computations

Most high school campuses run early computations for seniors to determine the valedictorian and salutatorian before the school year ends. There are several possible options:

- Option 1

The campus can use the semester 1 average, and use the semester 2 -cycle 1 grade as the semester 2 average, as follows:


Option 1 is often used by two-semester nine-week campuses for senior early computations.

- Option 2

The campus can use the semester 1 average, and use the semester 2 -cycle 1 and cycle 2 grades as the semester 2 average.


Option 2 is often used by two-semester six-week campuses for senior early computations.

Option 2 requires an additional calculation to obtain the semester 2 averages:

| Semester 2-Cycle 1 Grade | Semester 2-Cycle 2 Grade | Calculation | Semester 2 Average |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 89 | 96 | $89+96=185$ <br> $185 / 2=92.5$ | 93 |
| 0 |  | $0+89=89$ <br> $89 / 2=44.5$ | 45 |
|  |  | 89 |  |

## NOTES:

» Blank, incomplete, and N/G (no grade) grades are converted to zero for grade averaging.
" Only whole numbers are used for semester averages. If the calculated average contains a decimal, it is rounded up or down. However, a weighted score is not rounded in TxEIS; up to 5 decimal places are carried throughout the calculation and in historical.

## Self-Paced Courses

A student's self-paced courses are included/excluded from grade averaging and class ranking (including early computation) as follows:

■ The course is included if:

- The course has a withdrawal date and a semester average.
- Or, the course has no withdrawal date but has a semester average.
- The course is excluded if:
- The course has a withdrawal date and no semester average.
- Or, the course has no withdrawal date and no semester average.

When running early computation, self-paced courses are included if they meet the criteria for inclusion at the time early computation is run.

## Verify Student Records

After running the Grade Averaging and Class Ranking utility, you can view and verify the student's grade average and class ranking data on the maintenance page and on several reports.

## Maintenance Page

Grade Reporting > Maintenance> Student > Individual Maint > Grade Avg


■ The Crdt Lvl field indicates if the row contains high school (H), middle school (M), or elementary school (E) data.

■ The Year field displays the ending school year for the row of data. The student should have a row for each year he was included when the utility was run.

- The Numeric Avg fields contain data if the Grade Averaging and Class Ranking utility was run with the Process field set to Numeric Grade Averaging. Otherwise, zeros are displayed.
- Nbr Crs - the number of courses successfully completed that year
- Total Points - the number of points earned that year
- Avg - the calculated average for the year

■ The Grd Pt Average fields contain data if the Grade Averaging and Class Ranking utility was run with the Process field set to Grade Point Grade Averaging. Otherwise, zeros are displayed. The fields may contain numeric values the grade average tables were built with numeric values instead of grade points.

- Nbr Crs - the number of courses successfully completed for the year
- Total Points - the number of points earned for the year
- Avg - the calculated average for the year

■ The 4 Point fields contain data if the College 4 Point Scale field is set to 1 - Print \& excl 0 wgt crs or $2-$ Print \& incl 0 wgt crs on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options $>$ H Roll \& Gr Avg.

- Nbr Crs - the number of courses successfully completed for the year
- Total Points - the number of points earned for the year
- Avg - the calculated average for the year
- The Credits field displays the total number of credits the student earned for the year.
- The Rank GPA field displays the student's GPA used in determining his class rank.

■ The Nbr of Stu field displays the total number of student's in the student's grade level when the Grade Averaging and Class Ranking utility was run.

- The Rank field displays the student's rank out of the Nbr of Stu field. The student with the Rank field set to 1 has the highest GPA for his grade level.
- In the far-right column, N or G is displayed to indicate if the student was ranked using numeric ( N ) or grade point ( G ) grade averaging.
- The following fields will display values once cumulative grade averaging is run, which calculates the student's GPA and rank for the current and prior years. The process of running cumulative grade averaging is described later in this guide.
- The Cum GPA field displays the student's GPA for the current and prior years and is dependent on the number of years included. The student's cumulative GPA can be printed on the multi-year AAR.
- The Cum Rank field displays the student's cumulative rank, which indicates where the student's cumulative average falls as compared to the other student's averages in his grade level.
- The Number of Students Ranked field displays the total number of students ranked, which is based on the number of students in this student's grade level at the time cumulative grade averaging was run.
- The Date Ranking field displays the date on which the cumulative grade averaging utility was run.
- The Quartile field displays value 1,2,3, or 4 indicating which quarter of the class the student falls into.

The grade level population is divided into four quarters:

Quartile $1=0-.25$
Quartile $2=.25-.50$
Quartile $3=.50-.75$
Quartile $4=.75-1.00$
The student's cumulative rank is divided by the total number of students in the grade level:
$135 / 541=0.249354=$ Quartile 1
$139 / 541=0.256931=$ Quartile 2
$272 / 541=0.502772=$ Quartile 3
$408 / 541=0.754158=$ Quartile 4
Student's who fall within the first quartile often qualify for college scholarships.

## Reports

## SGR2070-Grd Avg Info - By Student (Info Only)

SGR2070 clearly shows how each student's GPA was calculated for each course, including the weights, tables, and values. The report can be printed for one student, grade level, or campus. Many campuses print this report at the end of the year to file in each student's permanent record folder.

Grade Reporting > Reports > Grade Reporting Reports > Grades > SGR2070 - Grd Avg Info - By Student (Info Only)


## Example:

If you are running grade averaging early computation using the 4th and 5th cycle grades, enter the parameters as follows:

| If Grades used = Sem, Include Sem $1(\%, N, B l a n k=N)$ | $Y$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| If Grades used = Sem, Include Sem 2 (Y,N,Blank=N) | N |
| If Grades used = Sem, Include Sem 3 (Y,N,Blank=N) | N |
| If Grades used = Sem, Include Sem 4 (Y,N,Blank=N) | N |
| If Grades used = Cyc, Include Sem 1, Cyc 1 (\%,N,Blank=N) | N |
| If Grades used = Cyc, Include Sem 1, Cyc 2 (\%,N,Blank=N) | N |
| If Grades used = Cyc, Include Sem 1, Cyc 3 (Y,N,Blank=N) | N |
| If Grades used = Cyc, Include Sem 2, Cyc 1 (\%,N,Blank=N) | $Y$ + |
| If Grades used = Cyc, Include Sem 2, Cyc 2 (\%,N,Blank=N) | $Y$ |
| If Grades used $=$ Cyc, Include Sem 2, Cyc 3 (Y,N,Blank=N) | N |
| If Grades used = Cyc, Include Sem 3, Cyc 1 (Y,N,Blank=N) | $N$ |



The Grade, Weighted Value, and GA Wgt fields can be used to verify the GPA calculations for each of the student's courses.

## IMPORTANT!

It is strongly recommended that you hand calculate the GPA for the top students in each grade level, and compare the hand-calculated GPA to the computer-calculated GPA. SGR1925 Student Course Information provides information to help with this process.

## SGR1925-Student Course Information

SGR1925 can be used to verify data and troubleshoot problems identified in the SGR2070 report.

Grade Reporting > Reports > Grade Reporting Reports > Student Schedules > SGR1925-Student Course Information


The data in the report can be used to do manual calculations.

- The semester number is displayed between the course-section and course title.
- Note the Crs WD date. If withdrawn courses are not included, you must not include these courses in manual calculations.
■ Note the GPA Override code if it exists. Note if it is different than the GA Table for the course. If the student's grade averaging table is different than the grade averaging table for the course, his calculations will be different.
- If the Self Paced field contains Y , you must determine if the course should be included or excluded from calculations.
- The GA Weight is the number of times the course is counted in the GPA calculations, or if the course is excluded.
- The GA Table indicates the grade averaging table used for the course. Note if this is different than the student's GPA Override code.
- In the Grade Crs field, note if the course is graded or not.
- For four-semester campuses, note the Exam/Sem Pattern. If set to 2, students only receive semester averages in semesters 2 and 4 for two-semester courses. Onesemester courses can have semester averages in all four semesters.


## SGR2060 - Grd Avg and Class Rnk - Info ONLY no Update

SGR2060 provides a break down by school year for each student. The report is used to verify grade point, numerical, and four-point grade averaging data, as well as credits and class ranking for the year. The report can be used to troubleshoot abnormalities in a student's record.

## Grade Reporting > Reports > Grade Reporting Reports > Grades > SGR2060 - Grd Avg and Class Rnk - Info ONLY no Update



## Run Cumulative Grd Avg \& Class Ranking

The Cumulative Grade Averaging and Class Ranking utility uses grade averaging data for multiple years to determine class rank.

The following reports are generated when the utility is run:

- List of options selected on this and the Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options page.
- List of students with data by school year. The report is similar to SGR2060 but includes totals.

The program adds the values of each selected year and divides this by the sum of the courses factors for those years.

Grade Reporting > Utilities > Cumulative Grd Avg and Class Ranking


- The School Year field displays the current school year, as specified on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > District Control Table.
- The Campus Control Information section displays settings from the Grade Averaging Information section on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options > H Roll \& Gr Avg. Verify the settings before running the utility.
- Under Credit Level, indicate if you are running the utility for an elementary, middle school, or high school campus.
- Under Process, select the grade averaging table used in the current school year.
- Grade Point Grade Averaging: The grade averaging process will use the Grade Averaging tables (i.e., Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Grade Reporting Tables > Grade Averaging Table).
- Numeric Type Grade Averaging: The grade averaging process will use the Numeric Grade Average Operator/Value table (i.e., Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Grade Reporting Tables > Num Grade Avg Operator/ Value).
- Under Grades field, select the grade level(s) to be included when you run the utility. You must select at least one grade level.
- To select all grade levels at the campus, click All Grade Levels.
- To select multiple grade levels, press CTRL while clicking the grade levels


## NOTE:

Most campuses run this utility for seniors once they have run early computations and determined the valedictorian and salutatorian. Then, the campus will run the utility again for grade levels 9-11.

- Under Other Options, make the following selections for the reports that are produced when the utility is run:
- In the Report Sort Order field, indicate the order in which you want to sort the reports.
- Select Print Credit to print the student's total credits for the years included in the cumulative grade averaging. Most campuses select this option.
- Select Print Detail to list the prior year grade averaging information. It is recommended that you select this option, because it allows you to see the values used to calculate the student's cumulative grade averaging. If not selected, only the student's total cumulative grade averaging information is printed.
- In the If Graduated WD Students are to be included, enter the WD Cd indicate which graduated withdrawn students should be included in cumulative grade averaging. This field overrides the Incl Wdrawn Stu in Avg and Incl Wdrawn Stu in Rank fields on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options. Select the withdrawal code from the drop-down list to include those graduated withdrawn students in cumulative grade averaging and class ranking.

Be sure the grade averaging policy in the campus handbook explains which graduated seniors are included/excluded in the grade averaging and class rank.

## - Click Execute.

- When the utility has completed processing, the reports are generated. Options Selected Report:



## Student Report:



- A message is displayed on the utility page indicating that grade averaging and class ranking is completed. Click OK to close the message.


