

# Weighted Grades/Class Rank

The Board of Education of Columbia Central High School has adopted a method of weighting students' classroom performance. This weighting system will be used to determine students' rank in class beginning with the '05-'06 year for the class of 2008.

## Class Ranks

**Class Ranks** are determined at the end of each semester.

**Class Ranks** are determined for each class (seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen).

**Class Ranks** use the student's final semester grades by converting the grades to quality points. The student whose sum of quality points is the highest is ranked number one; the student whose sum of quality points is second highest is ranked number two; and so on until all students have been ranked within a class.

**Class Ranks** are affected by weighting scale of the courses taken. While most courses are weighted on a 4.0 scale, courses specifically listed will carry a 5.0 quality point weighting.

**The class valedictorian and salutatorian are students ranked first and second respectively after eight semesters.**

Remember, students who have the greatest opportunities to rank at the top of their class will be those who enroll in the maximum number of weighted courses possible, study diligently, complete all assignments and earn the highest grades.

To compute a student's rank in class, two groups of courses have been identified to carry special quality point weighting scales:

### 5.0 Scale of Quality Points

The following courses will carry weighted quality points based on a five-point scale (A=5.0; B=4.0; C=3.0; D=2.0; F=0)

AP Psychology
AP English
Calculus
AP Biology
Anatomy/Physiology
Chemistry II
Physics
Precalculus
Math Engineering

### 4.0 Scale of Quality Points

All other courses will carry quality points based on a 4.0 point scale (A=4.0; B=3.0; C=2.0; D=1.0; F=0).