

Memorandum

To: Cabinet
From: John Weimer
Subject: Class Ranking
Date: April 7, 2005

At our last meeting the High School Graduation Committee considered the recommendation from High School Principals (attached) regarding the practice of assigning class rankings to students based upon their Cumulative Grade Point Averages. Their recommendation (based upon clear consensus of the group) is:

to replace class rankings with percentile rankings beginning with the class of 2009 (incoming 9th graders). Schools will cease publishing cumulative grade point averages and class ranks. Percentile ranks will not be published until the 7th semester of each school year.

The committee believes this change will enable more students to attain scholarships and acceptance into the colleges of their choice without handicapping the students who reach the top of their classes in academic achievement. It will be important for high schools to continue to recognize and reward academic achievement in a myriad of ways

The current practice is not a Board policy so the change can go immediately into effect with Cabinet approval. Implementation details will be clarified by Assistant Principals and Counselors, approved by principals, and included in the Recordkeeping Guidelines.