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Class rank is computed as recommended by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

The grading system is the traditional numerical-alphabetical equivalency measure of achievement:

90 - 100	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 - 69	D
0 - 59	F

To find the divisor, two points are assigned for each course with annual instruction time of forty minutes daily for one hundred eighty days. Courses with less time are prorated and all courses are included: Physical Education 3.75, Health 1.25, one semester courses, 2.50, etc.

To find the dividend, points are assigned to grades in qualifying courses as follows:

	A	B	C	D	F
Honors/Advanced Placement	10	8	6	4	0
Regular	8	6	4	2	0

Since the points assigned to regular courses conform precisely to the 4.0 system, given the divisor of 2, it is possible for honor students to attain a GPA above 4.0.

Senior class rank and GPA will be determined after six semesters (end of junior year) of completed work. To qualify for rank in class, a student must matriculate the two previous years in the Paterson High School system.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be selected at the end of the second marking period of the senior year using the same procedure.

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