Grade Classification

In high school, a student's total credits determine the student's classification—i.e., what grade level or "year" the student is in. Board of Education policy concerning classification is described in HISD Board Policy EIE(LOCAL).

Credits Earned Classification (year)

0–5.5 grade 9 (freshman)

6–11.5 grade 10 (sophomore)

12–17.5 grade 11 (junior)

18 or more grade 12 (senior)

Grades and Extracurricular Activities

Under the state's "no pass/no play" law, eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities during the first six weeks of the school year is determined by a student's grades from the final grading cycle of the previous school year or the number of credits earned during the previous school year. After the first six weeks, a student who receives a grade lower than 70 (or the equivalent) in any academic course is ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities during the first three school weeks of the next grading period. During that time the student may continue to practice or rehearse with other students but may not take part in any competition or public performance.