

**CLASS RANKING STUDENT GPA AND RANKING**

The Guilderland Central School District strives *to empower all students to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. The Board of Education encourages students to undertake a diverse and appropriately challenging academic program, participate in a full range of extra-curricular activities, and embrace the concept of life-long learning.

***Guilderland High School does not provide students with a class rank. At Guilderland High School, we encourage the personal and educational growth of each student. The level of difficulty of a student's courses is indicated on the transcript and is considered to be a more accurate predictor of future success in college than class rank. Students can enhance their academic record by enrolling in honors and advanced placement classes.*** The primary purpose of determining a student's overall average ~~and class rank~~ is to provide information to the student, parents, and college admissions counselors. ~~A student's GPA-Class rank~~ is only one of several factors that might be considered in the college application process. Averages are based on all high school courses that are assigned a numerical grade. Each student's cumulative academic average is computed without regard to weighting. High School credit bearing courses from eighth grade (i.e., mathematics, earth science, second language, and art) are also included in the computation.

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Class **GPA rank** is calculated before the start of the senior year and again in June of the senior year. Students will be notified of their **GPA rank**-in-class through a letter from the high school counseling staff at the start of the senior year and again at the completion of the senior year. Parents and students are welcome to visit the Counseling Office at any time to review a student's cumulative record in planning for the future.

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