6. Weighted Quality Points

- a. All courses, which are clearly labeled as <u>Level 3 and/or</u> "Honors", consistent with State Frameworks and/or district guidelines and coded as such in the Course Code Dictionary, shall carry one additional quality point toward the District's weighted GPA if the grade received is a "C" or above.
- b. Courses may be designated as "Local Honors" because they contain rigor that supports the awarding of one additional quality point toward the District's weighted GPA.
 - 1) These courses are not considered "Honors" for the State University System (SUS), NCAA, or Bright Futures.
 - 2) Local Honors courses are designated as "-LH" in the course title.
- c. A grade in a course that is Level 3 or above and leads to an industry certification must be weighted the same as an Honors course.
- d. All classes that are clearly labeled <u>"Pre-Advanced Placement,</u> "Pre-Advanced International Certificate of Education" or "Pre-International Baccalaureate" shall receive one additional quality point toward the District's weighted GPA, if the grade received is "C" or above.
- e. All classes that are clearly labeled as AP, AICE, IB, or DE shall receive two additional quality points toward the District's weighted GPA, if the grade received is "C" or above.
 - Students will be required to take the AP, AICE, and/or IB examination (cost of the examination to be paid by the District) in order to receive two additional quality points.
 - If a student elects not to take the AP, AICE, and/or IB examination, he/she will only receive one additional quality point toward the District's weighted GPA for a grade of "C" or higher.

7. Class Rank

- a. Class rank shall be computed based upon the student's cohort.
 - 1) All attempted high school credits earned shall be calculated for class rank, including dual enrollment, early admission, adult education, high school courses completed in middle grades, and transfer credit.
 - Students transferring from one SBBC high school to another in the last 2 semesters (or 4 for block schools) shall not displace, for class ranking recognition purposes, any other student.

8. Graduation Recognitions

- a. Diplomas and Graduation Exercises
 - 1) High schools, centers, and adult centers within the District shall issue only the types of diplomas authorized by the State and School Board's rules.

