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### **End of Class Rank**

El Dorado Union High School District Community,

Over the past several years, the majority of high schools throughout California and the United States have gone away from listing students by class rank on their transcripts. Colleges have reported that only 24% of high school transcripts they receive include class rank. Among the reasons cited by the high schools who have eliminated ranking students are:

- Most, if not nearly all colleges, (including all UC and CSU) do not use class rank as a factor in admissions decisions.
- Listing a class rank can unfairly penalize a student who is at a very competitive high school. For example, a student with a 4.0 GPA may not even fall in the top 20% of their class, which sends the wrong message to universities about the student's academic strength.
- Students often make choices to not take an unweighted elective class that they enjoy such as band, art, etc. out of concern that it could lower their GPA and class rank.

In turn, the El Dorado Union High School District will phase out the listing of class rank on student transcripts beginning with the graduating class of 2023. All students will continue to see their class rank on transcripts through the end of this school year. Class ranks will no longer show on transcripts commencing with the start of the 2022-23 school year.