

Board Policy 4741 Class Rank

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Proposed Revisions to Policy 4741

Current Policy

- Assigns a numerical rank to each graduating senior based on cumulative, weighted GPA
- Names valedictorian and salutatorian (rank 1 and 2) after 6 semesters

Proposed Policy

- Ends practice of numerical rank with the Class of 2020
- Assigns percentile rank in place of numerical rank in increments of 10% based on cumulative, weighted GPA
- Names valedictorian and salutatorian after 7 semesters

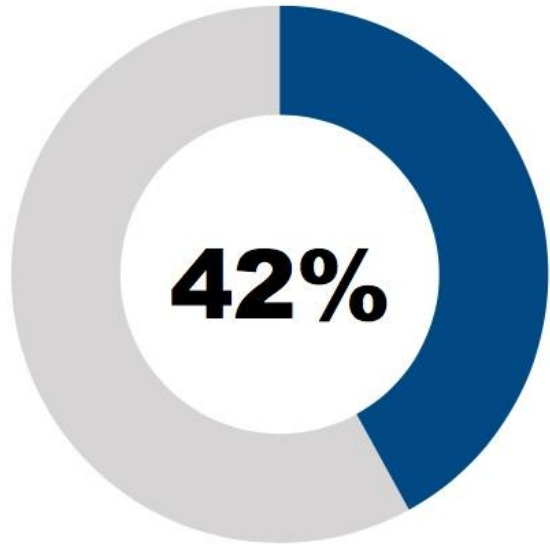
Why is this change recommended?

TABLE 7. PERCENTAGE OF COLLEGES ATTRIBUTING DIFFERENT LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE TO FACTORS IN ADMISSION DECISIONS: FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN, FALL 2017

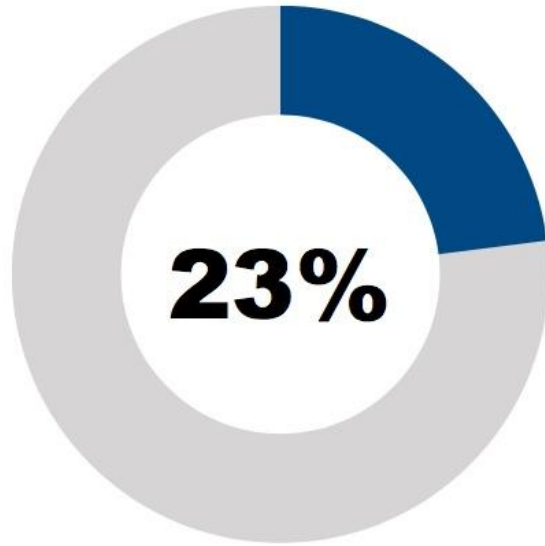
Factor	N	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
Grades in All Courses	173	80.9	10.4	5.8	2.9
Grades in College Prep Courses	171	70.8	17.5	8.8	2.9
Admission Test Scores (SAT, ACT)	172	52.3	30.8	14.5	2.3
Strength of Curriculum	170	51.2	29.4	12.9	6.5
Essay or Writing Sample	168	16.7	36.9	20.8	25.6
Counselor Recommendation	167	10.8	46.1	28.7	14.4
Student's Demonstrated Interest	168	15.5	21.4	34.5	28.6
Teacher Recommendation	168	7.1	46.4	29.2	17.3
Class Rank	172	9.3	27.9	36.0	26.7
Extracurricular Activities	169	3.6	34.9	40.8	20.7
Subject Test Scores (AP, IB)	166	4.2	28.9	28.3	38.6
Portfolio	167	5.4	7.2	27.5	59.9
Interview	168	3.6	14.3	29.2	53.0
Work	169	1.8	17.8	41.4	39.1
SAT II Scores	166	6.6	3.0	19.9	70.5
State Graduation Exam Scores	168	1.8	8.3	17.9	72.0

SOURCE: NACAC Admission Trends Survey, 2017–18.

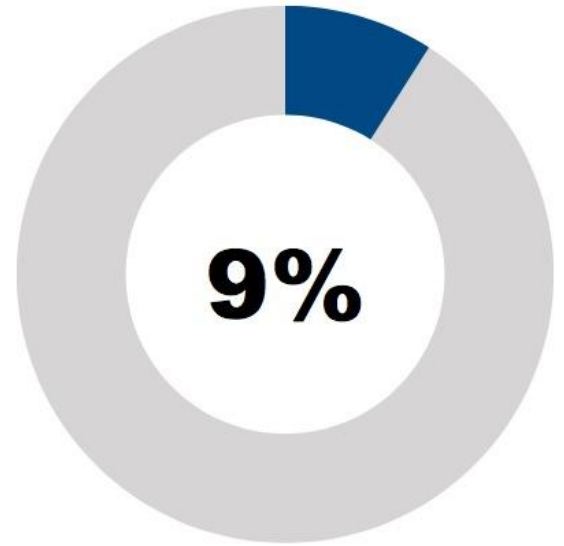
Percentage of College Admissions Deans Who Assigned Value to Class Rank



1993



2007



2018

0.32

average separation of weighted GPAs in the Top 10



Why begin with the Class of 2020?

- Evidence indicates this policy change will benefit students
- No change to course weighting or GPA calculation method



What are your
questions?