

I. CUMULATIVE AVERAGE AND CLASS RANKING

Class ranking will be determined by the weighted numeric grade average of graduating seniors at the completion of high school graduation requirements.

The weighted numeric grade average summarizes each student's academic performance in high school credit courses. The weighted numeric grade average is used in determining eligibility for numerous awards, activities and college applications.

For the purpose of computing class rank, a student's final course grade (if student receives a passing grade in the course) will be weighted with the following quality points for the purpose of calculating a weighted numeric grade average:

Quality Points:

- Honors Courses, Five points
- Advanced Placement (AP) Courses, 10 points
- Move on When Ready (MOWR) Courses:
 - a. 10 points, whenever the college course taken is equivalent to an AP high school course for which the student has not already taken and received quality points, as recommended and approved by the Chief Academic Officer.
 - b. A waiver for consideration of quality points (5 or 10) may be submitted to the Office of Curriculum and Instruction for MOWR Courses taken by students which meet the following criteria:
 - Demonstrates rigor;
 - Serves as a replacement for an on-campus course receiving quality points; or,
 - Exceeds the highest instructional level course available at the local high school.

II. CLASS RANKING/HONOR ROLLS

The graduating senior with the highest class ranking, as determined by weighted numeric grade average, will be recognized as Valedictorian. The student with the second highest class ranking, as determined by weighted numeric grade average, will be recognized as Salutatorian. The weighted numeric grade average will be calculated to four decimal places.

Students participating in the MOWR program are also eligible for Valedictorian or Salutatorian recognition per statutory requirements. A MOWR student who moves into the local school system after his or her sophomore year and has not taken any courses on site at the participating eligible high school will not be eligible for Valedictorian or Salutatorian recognition. Transfer credit used for Valedictorian or Salutatorian will be accepted only from an Accredited School in accordance with Board Policy on Awarding Units of Credit and Acceptance of Transfer Credit and/or Grades (JBC(4)).

III. CUMULATIVE AVERAGE AND HONOR GRADUATE STATUS

The distinction of Honor Graduate will be awarded to graduating seniors who have a weighted numeric grade average of 90 or above (or 89.5 or above rounded to the nearest whole unit).

IV. HONOR ROLL PLACEMENT

High school students will be placed on the Honor Roll when their weighted numeric grade average is 90 or above (or 89.5 or above rounded to the nearest whole unit).

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