

CLASS RANK, VALEDICTORIAN, GRADUATION HONORS GUIDELINES

Class Rank

The Board of Education acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages and class ranking for high school students, both to inform students of their relative academic placement among their peers and to provide students, prospective employers, and institutions of higher learning with a predictive device so that each student is more likely to be placed in an environment conducive to success.

The Board authorizes a system of class ranking, by grade point average, for students in grade(s) 9-12.

The grades of students transferring to the high school from a chartered school will be recognized; however, such students shall have no established class rank for purposes of graduation honors, such as Valedictorian, etc., until such time as they have completed four (4) semesters.

Students entering the high school from non-chartered or home-based schooling shall have no established grade point average (GPA) or class rank for purposes of graduation honors, such as Valedictorian, etc., until such time as they have completed six (6) semesters.

No student shall be eligible for graduation honors, such as Valedictorian, etc. unless they have been enrolled for four (4) consecutive semester(s) prior to the final semester utilized for purposes of determining such honors.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the computation of grade point averages and the assignment of class rank to implement this policy which shall include:

- A. a provision for students completing graduation requirements before their class;
- B. a system for fairly averaging makeup courses;
- C. a statement of the methods for such computation and assignment to be made available for those to whom a student's grade point average or rank in class is released;
- D. recognition of the heavier burden of certain work, classes, courses, etc.

Effective with the graduation class of 2019, the Board will no longer use a system of class rank.

Valedictorian Guidelines

Eligibility to be a Field High School Valedictorian in any graduating class ending with the class of 2018 will be based upon the following criteria:

- A. All members of the senior class are rated equally;
- B. Highest GPA rounded to three decimal places (all subjects included) after seven semesters of academic record;
- C. Student must attend classes, on campus, for at least three (3) consecutive semesters before the end of the first semester of the senior year and earn at least five (5) credits toward graduation;
- D. Student transferring during the above described time period to Field High School from a program or high school not accredited by the Ohio Department of Education will not be eligible for Valedictorian or Salutatorian recognition;
- E. Students who accumulate five (5) or more credits evaluated by a non-numeric grade (pass/fail, satisfactory/unsatisfactory, etc.) will not be granted a class rank;
- F. A student who transfers from an appropriately accredited or chartered high school and enrolls in Field High School because the student and his/her parents have moved into the school district, is exempt from meeting the three (3) semester residency requirements as mentioned above.

Graduation Honors Guidelines

Beginning with the class of 2019, students will have the opportunity to be recognized through the Laude System. The system will utilize grade point average. All members of the senior class are rated equally.

The Laude graduation honors system will use the following guidelines:

Summa Cum Laude	GPA of 4.00 and have met all of the requirements for an honors diploma
Magna Cum Laude	GPA of 3.75 - 3.99
Cum Laude	GPA of 3.50 - 3.74

To be eligible for Laude graduation honors:

- A. A student must attend classes, on campus, for at least three (3) consecutive semesters before the end of the first semester of the senior year and earn at least five (5) credits toward graduation;
- B. Students who accumulate five (5) or more credits evaluated by a non-numeric grade (pass/fail, satisfactory/unsatisfactory, etc.) will not be considered for Laude honors;

- C. A student who transfers from an appropriately accredited or chartered high school and enrolls in Field High School because the student and his/her parents have moved into the school district, is exempt from meeting the three (3) consecutive semester residency requirements as mentioned above;
- D. Students transferring from a non-chartered school or home school must have completed at least four (4) consecutive semesters, on campus at Field High School; and
- E. GPA is rounded to three decimal places (all subjects included) after seven (7) semesters of academic record.