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Latin Honors

The Board of Education has authorized the use of a ~~class ranking~~ Latin Honors system for grades 9--12 (**This should say “use of a Latin Honors system for grade 12”). The ~~system~~ parameters for a Latin Honor distinction are outlined below and will be figured on a student’s seven semester weighted GPA: to be used is detailed below.

~~At the end of the sophomore year, the junior year, and finally at the end of the fourth report period in the senior year, students will be ranked scholastically. The final average will be used in all subjects in which units of credits are given to calculate an average. This ranking is requested by college, is used to determine the eligibility for membership in the National Honor Society, and is used for certain senior honors.~~

~~A. Class rank shall be computed by the final grade in all subjects. Any two (2) or more students whose computed grade point averages are identical shall be given the same rank.~~

~~B. The rank of the student who immediately follows a tied position will be determined by the number of students preceding him/her and not by the rank of the person preceding him/her~~

~~The rank of the student will be determined by grade point average. All students receiving the same GPA shall receive the same class rank.~~

~~C. In recognition of the heavier burden of advanced work, grade point averages shall be weighed by awarding extra units for unusually difficult courses as approved by the Superintendent.~~

~~D. A student's grade point average and rank in class shall be entered on his/her record and shall be subject to the Board's policy on release of student records. Rank in class shall be entered on the student's records and on all transcripts.~~ All this was taken out because we don't rank students any more since the valedictorian and salutatorian positions went away.

~~E. The following designations will recognize students based on their GPA/Class Ranking:~~

1. **Summa Cum Laude Graduate** - Summa Cum Laude honors are bestowed upon the students with the highest honors (~~3.85-4~~ 4.0+ GPA). These students wear orange and blue honor cords on graduation day.
2. **Magna Cum Laude Graduate** - Magna Cum Laude honors are bestowed upon the students with great honors (~~3.7-3.84~~ 3.75-3.999). These students wear solid orange honor cords on graduation day.
3. **Cum Laude Graduate** - Cum Laude honors are bestowed upon the students with honors (~~3.5-3.69~~ 3.5-3.74999). These students wear solid blue honor cords on graduation day.

F. The cum laude distinctions are reserved for only those students who have earned a minimum GPA of 3.5 with no ~~failing semester grades (F)~~ or Incompletes (I).

Cum laude distinction is based on the seventh semester **weighted** cumulative GPA. However, in fairness to students that do not earn any cum laude designation after seven semesters but do meet the threshold after eight semesters, the student can request a cum laude sticker for the diploma. This only applies to students who did not earn any cum laude designation but ended up meeting the "cum laude" threshold after eight semesters. Students who earned one of the three distinctions after seven semesters will remain in that category that was earned after seven semesters despite possible changes in GPA after an additional semester.

Class rankings will still be calculated upon request from colleges and universities, the National Honor Society Steering Committee, and institutions that have scholarship committees which require ranking as part of their acquisition process.

Honor Roll

Honor Rolls at GHS for grades 9 - 12 will be based on weighted quarterly grades for any student enrolled in a physical course at GHS. Full-time GOA and CCP students will only appear on the semester honor rolls at mid-year and at the end of the year due to the semester orientation of online and college courses.

The Honor Rolls at GHS will be categorized as and distinguished by the following:

Distinguished Honor Roll

4.0 +

High Honor Roll	3.75 - 3.999
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Honor Roll	3.5 - 3.7499
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Letters and Pins

Academic letters will be awarded based upon weighted cumulative GPA following a student's first, third, fifth, and seventh completed semester, not on quarterly GPA. The requirement for this letter is a weighted cumulative GPA (based on semester grades) of 3.500 or higher. Students will earn an academic letter their first year of recognition. They will earn a pin in subsequent years.

This was to accommodate the GOA and CCP students who did not receive pins or letters based on the former plan of calculating GPAs for these honors quarterly.