

## *ALL GRADES, 9-12*

### *Honor Roll*

Each semester, the names are published of Honor Roll students in all grades who achieve a semester Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.000-3.749.

### *High Honor Roll*

Each semester, the names are published of High Honor Roll students in all grades who achieve a semester Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.750 or higher.

### *4.0 Awards*

This spring breakfast award program annually awards a certificate to high achievers in all grades, 9-12, for each semester they achieve a 4.0 or better GPA.

## *ADDITIONAL AWARDS*

### *Blackhawk Pride*

**Desire to Develop Skills for Life Long Learning**  
**Displays a Sense of Global Consciousness**  
**Develops a Sense of Self Worth in Self or Others**

Each month, students who are selected by individual staff members as exhibiting the qualities above are honored at a breakfast with their parents and awarded a certificate and t-shirt.

### *Department Awards*

Most departments have ongoing award certificates and/or major awards given on Senior Honors Night.



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## ACADEMIC AWARDS

## Introduction

This brochure is intended to communicate our many academic awards to our students, parents, and community. By communicating our academic awards, we hope to help students set goals and aspirations for academic achievement throughout their career at West Aurora High School.

This brochure only includes the awards given by West Aurora High School. There are many other awards that can be achieved during high school from local, state, and national agencies such as Foundation Scholarships, Prairie State Scholars, National Merit Semi-Finalists, AP Scholars, etc. For more information on these, contact your counselor.

## *SENIOR YEAR*

### *7 Semester 4.0 Award*

This spring breakfast award program annually recognizes high achievers with a plaque for achieving seven consecutive semesters of a 4.0 or better GPA.

### *Excellence in Education*

Full-time students with a cumulative GPA that places them in the top 5% of the senior class after seven semesters or who have been named a National Merit Semi-Finalist will be honored at a banquet venue. The Excellence in Education award will also honor the awardees' parents/guardians and distinguished educators as identified by the student awardees. Students will receive a medallion (to be worn at Commencement) and a framed certificate (given to parents); educators will receive a framed certificate.

## *SENIOR YEAR*

*(Final Career Honors)*

### *Honors Diplomas*

West Aurora High School has three levels of honors diplomas. These distinctions will be included on both diplomas and final transcripts.

#### **Cum Laude**

Graduating students with a final cumulative GPA of 3.750-3.999 are awarded and recognized.

#### **Magna Cum Laude**

Graduating students with a final cumulative GPA of 4.000-4.249 are awarded and recognized.

#### **Summa Cum Laude**

Graduating students with a final cumulative GPA of 4.250 and above are awarded and recognized.

### *Valedictorian/Salutatorian*

The graduating seniors with an eight semester cumulative GPA that ranks them first and second in their class are honored as Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively. These students are recognized at Commencement. These distinctions will also be included on both their diplomas and final transcripts.