

## SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY

Pikeville Independent Schools

Pikeville High School

Policy Type (Check One)

Council Operations

School Operations

### POLICY TOPIC DESCRIPTION

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION POLICY

### POLICY STATEMENT

The courses required to graduate from Pikeville High School are those listed in the Pikeville Independent Board Policy 08.113. Students need to complete 25 credits and all required classes to graduate.

Students may earn the Latin academic honor of cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude at graduation. Different color cords will be worn at graduation to recognize the different levels of distinction. Seals of honor will be attached to each student diploma. The system of recognizing students at graduation is as follows:

- 3.9-4.0                      Summa Cum Laude (has taken 7 of the classes listed below with at least one class from each content area)
- 3.7-3.899                    Magna Cum Laude (Must take 6 of the classes listed below with at least one class from each content area)
- 3.5-4.0                      Cum Laude\*

The required classes must be from the following list:

<b>English</b>	<b>Science</b>
Honors English 10	AP Biology
AP English Language	Chemistry
AP English Literature	Chemistry II or College Chemistry
ENG 111/112	AP Environmental Science
ENG 200/251	Honors Earth & Space Science
	Physics
	Biochemistry
	Anatomy
	PLTW Engineering(4)
	Honors Intro to Physics
<b>Math</b>	<b>Social Studies</b>
Pre-Calculus	AP Government
Calculus I	AP US History
AP Calculus or College Calculus	AP World History
AP Stats	Honors World Civilization

The student with the highest weighted numeric average (using weight multiplier of 1.25) will be the valedictorian and the student with the second highest weighted numeric average (using weight multiplier of 1.25) will be the salutatorian. Both valedictorian and salutatorian will be recognized during high school graduation. The rank will be averaged to the nearest one hundredth of a point. Ties for the highest rank will be recognized as Co-Valedictorians. Weighted classes for determining valedictorian and salutatorian includes:

<b>English</b>	<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>World Language</b>
Honors English 10	AP Government	Elementary Spanish I & II
AP English Language	AP Psychology	AP World Language Courses
AP English Literature	AP US History	
ENG 111/112	AP World History	
ENG 200/251	Honors World Civilization	
<b>Math</b>	<b>Science</b>	
Honors Algebra I	Honors Biology	
Honors Algebra II	AP Biology	
Honors Geometry	Chemistry	
Trig/Pre-Calculus	Chemistry II or College Chemistry	
Calculus I or College Calculus	AP Environmental Science	
AP Calculus	Honors Earth & Space Science	
AP Stats	Biochemistry	

College Algebra		PLTW Engineering (4)	
		Physics	
		Honors Intro to Physics	
		Anatomy	

In order to be honored as valedictorian or salutatorian at Pikeville High School, 50% of the student's credits must have been earned at Pikeville High School including being enrolled during the entire senior year. Weighted grades for transfer students will be weighted in our GPA calculations only if the sending school and receiving school weights that grade. Students transferring from another school may have weighted classes listed on their transcripts for college reporting by requesting this in the counseling office. These grades will be only for college reporting and not for the calculation of valedictorian or salutatorian. All correspondence courses will be unweighted.

AP and honors courses added to the curriculum at a later time will be added to the list of weighted courses for the purpose of determining valedictorian and salutatorian. When added, they will be phased in for the upcoming junior class.

*\*Has required GPA but does not meet core requirements.*

*\*\*Beginning with the high school graduating class of 2016-2017 top ten academic honors will not be recognized during the high school graduation ceremony.*

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