

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN

The class rank is calculated at the conclusion of each semester. Rank is based on a student's accumulated grade point average of final semester grades. Class rank is weighted and all students are ranked.

The valedictorian will be the student with the highest grade point average. The salutatorian(s) will be any student with a 4.00 grade point average or better. The valedictorian/salutatorian will be selected after midterm of the 4th nine-weeks for recognition for Senior Awards Night and Graduation. Any changes in Val/Sal ranking upon receipt of final grades, will be reflected on final transcript.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SELECTION PROCEDURES

Qualified students are selected for National Honor Society membership by a majority vote of the faculty committee on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. To be eligible for induction, a student must accomplish the following steps in the selection procedures.

1. Have earned a minimum 3.5 non-weighted grade point average.
2. All faculty members are invited to evaluate you on character, leadership and scholarship. They must have had contact with you in class or in an extra curricular activity to evaluate you. You must attain a rating of 80% or more of the maximum points allowed from the categories evaluated.
3. Qualifying students are required to select three (3) references who can best evaluate you on character, leadership, and community responsibilities in community service (teachers, relatives, school counselors, and school administrators may not complete a reference form). All forms will be kept strictly confidential. You must attain a rating equal to 80% or more of the maximum points allowed on the community reference forms.
4. Must have actively participated in five or more school **and** community related activities. Any combination of 5 activities will be accepted but you must have at least one in either category. Ideally, there should be an even balance between the two. Any service for which you get paid is not considered community service. School advisors and community supervisors **must** initial any activities on the school/community service form.
5. Must complete an essay explaining your community service experiences. Grammar, punctuation, spelling and content will be evaluated with a rubric.
6. To maintain membership in NHS, the student must maintain a 3.5 non-weighted GPA and must participate in approved chapter service projects as well as perform individual service projects (totaling 20 hours of community service).

7. Members not fulfilling service obligation will be given written warning, may not be allowed to participate in further NHS activities, may not wear the NHS colors for end of year activities, and/or may be dismissed from NHS.
8. A violation of the NHS Code of Conduct will result in a warning or removal from the NHS depending upon the circumstances involved. A second violation of rules will result in a hearing in front of the NHS Advisory Council and possible removal from the Honor Society. This decision will also rest in finality with the NHS Advisory Committee.
9. Any member with a non-weighted GPA of less than a 3.5 at the end of a semester will be placed on probation. If the member's non-weighted GPA remains below a 3.5 during the next grading period, that member will be granted a hearing in front of the NHS Advisory Council with possible dismissal from the National Honor Society. This decision will also rest in finality with the NHS Advisory Committee.
10. All Junior members will be reevaluated at the beginning of their Senior year by the MGHS faculty members. The results of these evaluations will determine continued membership.