

# Honors Graduation

## Graduation with Citizenship Honors

- Meet graduation requirements
- Students who complete grades 9-12 without receiving any unsatisfactory citizenship marks (U's) are eligible to graduate with Citizenship Honors

## Academic Honors

### For all levels:

- Meet graduation requirements
- Have taken at least five (5) honors, AP or core CE classes (core is Math, Science, English, Social Studies, or World Language)

### Additional Requirements for each level:

#### Graduation with Academic Distinction (WHITE BRAID)

- Have a Cumulative GPA of 4.0 through 3<sup>rd</sup> Term

#### Graduation with High Academic Honors (GOLD BRAID)

- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.80-3.999 through 3<sup>rd</sup> term

#### Graduation with Academic Honors (SILVER BRAID)

- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.60-3.799 through 3<sup>rd</sup> term

*There is a minimum cost per braid to cover program costs.*

*Note: Early College/Concurrent Enrollment / Internet grades will be figured into the GPA at face value for qualifying purposes.*

## Departmental Honors

Only the Sterling Scholars will be given departmental honor cords.

## Valedictorian

The purpose of the Valedictorian award is to publicly recognize and encourage the pursuit of excellence in scholarship. Valedictorians at VHS are chosen based on the top academic 1% of the graduating class, as determined by 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade GPA and ACT test score. Students must complete ACT by February. No application is necessary. Students are selected after 3<sup>rd</sup> term data is collected. The following formula is used to determine the Valedictorian/Salutatorian status:

GPA x 9 = Total GPA Score

Plus

ACT Composite w/o Writing

*(Example: 4.0 GPA x 9 = 36 + 36 ACT Composite = 72 points)*

The top 1% based on the total points will be Valedictorians and the next 1% will be Salutatorians. SAT SCORES WILL NOT BE USED TO CALCULATE THIS HONOR. By achieving this academic excellence, students will wear the Valedictorian medal during graduation exercises. They will also be invited to submit a speech to be considered for delivery in representing the Valedictorians at the commencement exercises. Candidates must be enrolled at least ½ time in GPA classes at VHS their senior year.