

Houston County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in November	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">Class Ranking</h2>	Descriptor Code: 4.602	Issued Date: 06/13/22
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Beginning with the Freshman class of **2022-2023**, students must be enrolled full time at the home base school to be eligible for ranking among their graduation cohort class. All grades earned in grades 9-12 will be counted toward the grade point average and the rank in class. Ranking is established after a completed semester. A ranking report is not run again until the next completed semester concludes.

Standards approved by the Board will determine honor roll students. Students who meet these standards and who do not request otherwise will have their names submitted to the principal for release.

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN SELECTION

The valedictorian of the graduating class will be the student who has met all of the following criteria. Valedictorian/Salutatorian selection is not based solely on class ranking. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian must:

- have earned the highest numerical average.
- have met the requirements to receive recognition for State Honors as designated by meeting the ACT readiness benchmarks or SAT equivalent scores.
- have taken and earned credit in all *designated honors* classes in English, (an equivalent college-level course may be substituted but is not required).
- have taken and earned credit in all *designated honors* classes in math and a total of four math classes (H-Alg I, H-Alg II, H-Geometry, and SDC Pre-Calculus, SDC Statistics or an equivalent college level course may be substituted but is not required).
- have taken and earned credit in all *designated honors* in science classes and four science classes (an equivalent college level course may be substituted but is not required).
- have taken and earned two (2) credits in the same foreign language and one (1) credit in a fine art.
- met all of the graduation requirements set forth by the Tennessee State Board of Education, including completing the focused program of study.
- have been enrolled at Houston County High School all four semesters of their 11th- and 12th-grade years. Enrollment must occur within the first five (5) school days of the 11th-grade year.

If two or more students with the highest numerical grade point average, calculated to the 1,000-place decimal, have met the above criteria, then these students shall share the honor of being co-valedictorians.

The salutatorian of the graduating class will be the student that has the second highest numerical average and has met the above criteria. If two or more students with the highest numerical grade point average, calculated to the 1,000-place decimal, have met the above criteria, then these students shall share the honor of being co-salutatorians.

Cross References:

Grading System 4.600

Graduation Requirements 4.605