

## **I. CUMULATIVE AVERAGE AND CLASS RANKING**

Final class ranking will be determined by the weighted Numeric Grade Average (NGA) of graduating seniors upon completion of their high school four-year class cohort.

The weighted NGA summarizes each student's academic performance in high school credit courses. The weighted NGA is used in determining eligibility for numerous awards, activities and college applications.

For the purpose of computing class rank, a student's final course grade (if student receives a passing grade in the course) will be weighted with the following quality points for the purpose of calculating a weighted NGA:

Quality Points:

- Honors Courses, Five points
- Advanced Placement (AP) Courses, 10 points
- Dual Enrollment Courses:
  - a. 10 points, whenever the college course taken is equivalent to an AP high school course for which the student has not already taken and received quality points, as determined by the individual institution the Dual Enrolled student is attending.
  - b. For select courses, the Office of Curriculum and Instruction may assign quality points based upon the following criteria:
    - Demonstrates rigor;
    - Serves as a replacement for an on-campus course receiving quality points; or,
    - Exceeds the highest instructional level course available at the local high school.

## **II. CLASS RANKING/HONOR ROLLS**

The graduating senior with the highest class ranking, as determined by weighted NGA, will be recognized as Valedictorian. The student with the second highest class ranking, as determined by weighted NGA, will be recognized as Salutatorian. The weighted NGA will be calculated to four decimal places or more until a tie is resolved.

Students participating in the Dual Enrollment program are also eligible for Valedictorian or Salutatorian recognition per statutory requirements. A Dual Enrollment student who moves into the local school system after his or her sophomore year and has not taken any courses on site at the participating eligible high school will not be eligible for Valedictorian or Salutatorian recognition. Transfer credit used for Valedictorian or Salutatorian will be accepted only from an Accredited School in accordance with Board Policy on Awarding Units of Credit and Acceptance of Transfer Credit and/or Grades (JBC (4)).

**III. CUMULATIVE AVERAGE AND HONOR GRADUATE STATUS**

The distinction of Honor Graduate will be awarded to graduating seniors who have a weighted NGA of 90 or above.

**IV. HONOR ROLL PLACEMENT**

High school students will be placed on the Honor Roll when their weighted NGA is 90 or above.

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**Cherokee County Board of Education**