

GRADUATION CEREMONY, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION POLICY 8.04



POLICY STATEMENT

Students can earn Awards, Cords, and Stoles to wear during the Graduation Ceremony. Some of these awards will be presented at Senior Awards Night and some of these awards will be presented at the Graduation Ceremony. Students will receive these awards during the Senior Awards Night prior to Graduation. Below is a list of Awards, Cords, and Stoles that students can earn throughout their time in Dayton High School.

GRADUATION ACCESSORIES

Gold Honor Stole and Pin

Maintain a 3.5 weighted GPA throughout high school, passing all scheduled academic courses and be post-secondary ready.

Maintain a 95% attendance rate during senior year – Excused absences are included

Valedictorian Stole and Plaque

Honor student(s) who graduates with the highest numeric percent average of all high school course work (per policy 8.06)

Salutatorian Stole and Plaque

Honor student(s) who graduates with the second highest numeric percent average of all high school course work (per policy 8.06)

NHS Stole

Student is a qualifying member of National Honor Society.

Fine Arts Cord – Blue and Gold

Student has completed 4 years of art or 4 years of music

Career/Technical Pathway Cord – Silver

Student has completed a Career/Technical Education Pathway, and successfully achieve career readiness.

Educators Rising Cord – Black and Red

Student is a qualifying member of Educators Rising.

Drug Free Club Cord – Red, White, and Blue

Student has been a member of the Drug Free Club for at least 3 years, including their senior year.

Hoxworth Blood Center Honor Cord – Blood Red

Students who have donated blood four times in their high school career and/or assisted in organizing a blood drive.

Academic Ready Cord – Purple

Student is Academic Ready by hitting KDE academic readiness requirements.

JROTC – Black

Student will have successfully completed a JROTC pathway

Best All Around Boy and Girl

Selected by faculty based on the following:

Participation in school activities

Attitude toward school, community, and fellow students

Citizenship within the school and community

Overall Character

Academic Achievement

Awards and Stoles given at Graduation may change depending on requirement changes set forth by KDE or other governing bodies.

Graduation Line Up:

Valedictorian – if more than one, they will be in alphabetical order

Salutatorian – if more than one, they will be in alphabetical order

Honors Students – in order of GPA. If two students have the same GPA they will be lined up in alphabetical order; Remaining students will be lines up in alphabetical order

Graduation Attire:

Each student is required to wear a school cap and gown. Students may only wear school issued and earned sashed, cords, and medals. Students may decorate their cap but must have it approved by administration the day before graduation ceremony.

Administrative Discretion may be applied to any situation pertaining to Policy 8.04

POLICY EVALUATION

We will evaluate the effectiveness of this policy through our school improvement planning process.

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Council Chairperson:

