

Honor Graduate Criteria Class of 2025 and Beyond

Honor Graduate status, including Valedictorian and Salutatorian, will be computed at the end of the first semester of the senior year. *Classes taken the second semester of the senior year that are not satisfactorily completed may affect honor graduate status.*

Valedictorian will have the highest HOPE cumulative grade-point average, taken twelve (12) of the most rigorous classes, and taken or have enrolled in a minimum of two (2) AP classes offered by the end of the third 9 weeks (Q3) of their senior year.

*Additionally, the Valedictorian must have passed all classes (honors, regular, academic, non-academic, WBL, AP, DE, etc.) the student was enrolled in during high school including second semester of senior year. The Valedictorian must have been enrolled at ACHS for the previous three (3) semesters.

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Salutatorian will have the second highest HOPE cumulative grade-point average, taken twelve (12) of the most rigorous classes, and taken or have enrolled in a minimum of two (2) AP classes offered by the end of the third 9 weeks (Q3) of their senior year.

*Additionally, the Salutatorian must have passed all classes (honors, regular, academic, non-academic, WBL, AP, DE, etc.) the student was enrolled in during high school including second semester of senior year. The Salutatorian must have been enrolled at ACHS for the previous three (3) semesters.

If the cumulative averages are tied to the ten thousandths place as determined by the student information system, there will be co-valedictorians and no salutatorian.

Summa Cum Laude will have an overall HOPE cumulative grade-point average of 95.00 – 100.00 and have taken twelve (12) of the most rigorous classes. Summa Cum Laude graduates will be listed alphabetically for any publications and graduation.

*Additionally, the student must have passed all classes (honors, regular, academic, non-academic, WBL, AP, DE, etc.) the student was enrolled in during high school including second semester of senior year.

Magna Cum Laude will have an overall HOPE cumulative grade-point average of 90.00 – 94.99 and have taken twelve (12) of the most rigorous classes. Magna Cum Laude graduates will be listed alphabetically for any publications and graduation.

*Additionally, the student must have passed all classes (honors, regular, academic, non-academic, WBL, AP, DE, etc.) the student was enrolled in during high school including second semester of senior year.

Cum Laude will have an overall HOPE cumulative grade-point average of 90.00 – 100.00 without the academic rigor requirement. Cum Laude graduates will be listed alphabetically for any publications and graduation.

*Additionally, the student must have passed all classes (honors, regular, academic, non-academic, WBL, AP, DE, etc.) the student was enrolled in during

high school including second semester of senior year.

*This will take effect beginning with second semester of the FY23 school year but will not be retroactive for grades earned prior

to second semester of FY23. All semesters beginning with second semester of FY23, including the final semester of a student's

senior year, will be included. (For example, for an 11th grade student in FY23, any failing grade from his/her 9th or 10th grade

year would not prevent the student from earning honor graduate status, but a failing grade after the implementation date

would prevent the student from becoming an honor graduate.)

Rigorous Courses

This list may change due to state and system course availability.

All honors, gifted, advanced placement, and dual enrollment courses are considered rigor courses at Appling County High School