

Houston County Board of Education

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HONOR ROLL

Honor roll students shall be determined by standards recommended by the Director of Schools/Designee and approved by the Board. Unless a student or the parent/guardian of a student objects, the names of honor roll students may be released to the news media.

AWARDS AND CONTESTS

Prior to a school department or club presenting honors or awards or conducting contests, the school's principal shall approve such honor, award, or contest. Following approval, the principal shall keep on file the name of the honor, award, or contest; the basis for selection of the award or honor; the method of participation; and the reason for the contest.

CLASS RANKING

All grades earned in grades 9- 12 shall 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.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian selection is not based solely on class ranking. Students who wish to be considered for Valedictorian/Salutatorian must earn credits in specific courses. The principal and school counselor shall keep on file, annually review, and approve the required courses for Valedictorian/Salutatorian consideration. A list of these courses will be provided to students and parents each year.

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 the designated honors, state dual credit, advanced placement, or dual enrollment classes in English, Mathematics, and Science, and must have earned at least four credits in each subject area.

- 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 and earned credits from courses at Houston County High School in all four semesters of their 11th- and 12th-grade years. Enrollment must occur within the first fifteen (15) school days of the 11th-grade year.

Students who transfer to the high school after the first semester of their 9th-grade year shall not be barred from selection as Valedictorian/Salutatorian on the basis of the type of classes taken while enrolled in another school or program though grade point average from those classes will factor in the selection.

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