Grade Point Average/Laude System

The Board of Education acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages and class ranking for high school students, both to inform students of their relative academic placement among their peers and to provide students, prospective employers, and institutions of higher learning with a predictive device so that each student is more likely to be placed in an environment conducive to success.

The Board authorizes a system of class ranking, by cumulative grade point average (CGPA), for students in grades 9-12. To calculate a grade point average (G.P.A.), assign a point value to each course grade and divide by the total number of credits. For partial-credit courses use the fractional value of the grade. For example, a half credit course with an earned grade of C would be .5 x 2=1. Then add this to the other grades earned for total points earned. This total is then divided by the total credits earned for the G.P.A. This can be done by grading period, semester, year, or for a series of school years.

The Board authorizes the use of the Laude honor point system beginning with the class of 2016.

The Laude System acknowledges student achievement through a combination of student Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) at the end of seven (7) semesters and the number of honor class points completed in their high school career. Their CGPA and honor points make up their overall Laude score, which places them into one of the possible Laude distinctions: Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude.

For the Class of 2017, students who earn Summa Cum Laude must have a Laude score of 31 or higher; students who earn Magna Cum Laude must have a Laude score of 24-30.99; and students who earn Cum Laude must have a Laude score of 15-23.99.

For the Class of 2018 and beyond students who earn Summa Cum Laude must have a Laude score of 33 or higher; students who earn Magna Cum Laude must have a Laude score of 27-32.99; and students who earn Cum Laude must have a Laude score of 16-26.99.

The following information will become an administrative guideline for policy 5430

Classes with pass/fail grades, alternative or home school will be shown on the official high school transcript as credit earned or not earned, but will not be used in the CGPA Calculation. Credits earned from study abroad will be shown on the official transcript. The Laude Review Committee will evaluate courses taken to determine which would qualify as advanced courses. Grades earned while abroad will be used in the CGPA.

Classes transferred into WDHS from other comparable schools, or from a comparable foreign school by students with permanent resident status, will be allowed full credit for educational progress. Credit will be based upon equivalency of requirements. The District reserves the right

to evaluate transfer courses prior to granting credit and/or the right to administer tests where necessary.

For the purpose of recognizing students at graduation Laude scores will be calculated at the end of a student's seventh semester. Students who have achieved a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.2 and achieved a minimum of sixteen (16) Laude points will be recognized as follows:

Seniors who have earned the Summa Cum Laude distinction will be awarded gold honor chords; seniors who have earned the Magna Cum Laude distinction will be awarded silver honor chords; and seniors who have earned Cum Laude will be awarded white honor chords.

Please Note: A final eighth (8th) semester cumulative grade point average is configured at the end of the school year. If a student has earned Laude Distinction after the 8th semester cumulative grade point average is figured, the student will be notified and the new Laude distinction will be noted on their final transcript, along with receiving a certificate of recognition.

Advanced Standing and Department Designated Honor Courses = 0.5 honor point for each credit completed and passed and only apply if they have been taken at WDHS. A complete listing of Laude Honor Courses can be found in the most current High School Course Description Booklet located in the high school counseling office or online at the high school counseling website.

Transfer students will receive honor points toward the Laude System, for Advanced Placement Courses and Project Lead the Way Courses passed and completed at their previous school.

Due to the varying nature of how honors classes are designated in other schools, transfer students will only be granted honor points for completing and passing Advanced Placement and Project Lead the Way Courses. Transfer students will not be granted honor points for other honors classes. Advanced Placement (AP) and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses = 1 honor point for each credit completed and passed.

This chart will be reviewed every two (2) years and revisions will be made when the District determines that such revisions are needed. If revisions are made to this chart and or administrative guideline, any revisions would go into effect with the next incoming freshmen class.

Wisconsin Dells High School Laude Chart

CGPA		4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2
	20	80	78	76	74	72	70	68	66	64
	19.5	78	76.05	74.1	72.15	70.2	68.25	66.3	64.35	62.4
	19	76	74.1	72.2	70.3	68.4	66.5	64.6	62.7	60.8
	18.5	74	72.15	70.3	68.45	66.6	64.75	62.9	61.05	59.2
	18	72	70.2	68.4	66.6	64.8	63	61.2	59.4	57.6
H	17.5	70	68.25	66.5	64.75	63	61.25	59.5	57.75	56
O	17	68	66.3	64.6	62.9	61.2	59.5	57.8	56.1	54.4
N	16.5	66	64.35	62.7	61.05	59.4	57.75	56.1	54.45	52.8
O	16	64	62.4	60.8	59.2	57.6	56	54.4	52.8	51.2
R	15.5	62	60.45	58.9	57.35	55.8	54.25	52.7	51.15	49.6
S	15	60	58.5	57	55.5	54	52.5	51	49.5	48
	14.5	58	56.55	55.1	53.65	52.2	50.75	49.3	47.85	46.4
	14	56	54.6	53.2	51.8	50.4	49	47.6	46.2	44.8
	13.5	54	52.65	51.3	49.95	48.6	47.25	45.9	44.55	43.2
P	13	52	50.7	49.4	48.1	46.8	45.5	44.2	42.9	41.6
O	12.5	50	48.75	47.5	46.25	45	43.75	42.5	41.25	40
I	12	48	46.8	45.6	44.4	43.2	42	40.8	39.6	38.4
N	11.5	46	44.85	43.7	42.55	41.4	40.25	39.1	37.95	36.8
T	11	44	42.9	41.8	40.7	39.6	38.5	37.4	36.3	35.2
S	10.5	42	40.95	39.9	38.85	37.8	36.75	35.7	34.65	33.6
	10	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32
	9.5	38	37.05	36.1	35.15	34.2	33.25	32.3	31.35	30.4
	9	36	35.1	34.2	33.3	32.4	31.5	30.6	29.7	28.8
	8.5	34	33.15	32.3	31.45	30.6	29.75	28.9	28.05	27.2
	8	32	31.2	30.4	29.6	28.8	28	27.2	26.4	25.6
	7.5	30	29.25	28.5	27.75	27	26.25	25.5	24.75	24
	7	28	27.3	26.6	25.9	25.2	24.5	23.8	23.1	22.4
	6.5	26	25.35	24.7	24.05	23.4	22.75	22.1	21.45	20.8
	6	24	23.4	22.8	22.2	21.6	21	20.4	19.8	19.2
	5.5	22	21.45	20.9	20.35	19.8	19.25	18.7	18.15	17.6
	5	20	19.5	19	18.5	18	17.5	17	16.5	16
	4.5	18	17.55	17.1	16.65	16.2	15.75	15.3	14.85	14.4
	4	16	15.6	15.2	14.8	14.4	14	13.6	13.2	12.8
	3.5	14	13.65	13.3	12.95	12.6	12.25	11.9	11.55	11.2
	3	12	11.7	11.4	11.1	10.8	10.5	10.2	9.9	9.6
	2.5	10	9.75	9.5	9.25	9	8.75	8.5	8.25	8
	2	8	7.8	7.6	7.4	7.2	7	6.8	6.6	6.4
	1.5	6	5.85	5.7	5.55	5.4	5.25	5.1	4.95	4.8
	1	4	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2