

Yale Public Schools

Top Scholar Process

Over the last few years, Yale Public Schools staff, students, and parents have discussed ways to modify our academic recognition process for Yale High School students and graduates. This came as a result of wanting to raise the academic bar and ensuring that students receiving this recognition have taken the most rigorous classes that will prepare them for their college or career path. After much discussion, debate, and draft solutions, the Board of Education voted unanimously to adopt a new process to recognize our top students or 'scholars'. Beginning with the graduating class of 2026, students that would like to be honored as our top students will have to take 50% or 9 of the honors, advanced, or advanced placement (AP) classes listed below:

Junior & Senior Year

- AP Calculus
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- Advanced Physics II- (Semester Class)
- Honors Chemistry II- (Semester Class)
- Anatomy/Physiology
- Honors Social Studies III
- ED 101 (Concurrent Enrollment w/SC4)- (Semester Class)
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science A
- AP English Language/English 101
- AP Art
- AP English Literature/English 102
- AP Environmental Science
- Trigonometry
- Honors Social Studies II
- Physics

Sophomore Year

- ADV English II
- Honors Government- (Semester Class)
- Honors Microeconomics- (Semester Class)

Freshman Year

- ADV English I
- Honors Social Studies I

For the graduating class of 2027 and beyond, they will need to take 50% or 10 of the above classes. The variance in the number of classes and/or percentage is due to some AP or advanced classes not being offered every year or semester (such as AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, etc).

Of the classes that the student elects to take, the classes must be completed (with a final grade earned) in order to be considered for the top scholar honor. The student(s) with the highest grade point average (GPA) will be honored as top scholars. If a student is unable to take the required number of these classes due to limited offerings related to staffing or other circumstances, a student can submit a letter of appeal to the Yale High School counselors by December of the school year that they are graduating.

Behavior Code of Conduct Violations- No major infractions that require suspension beyond one (1) day.